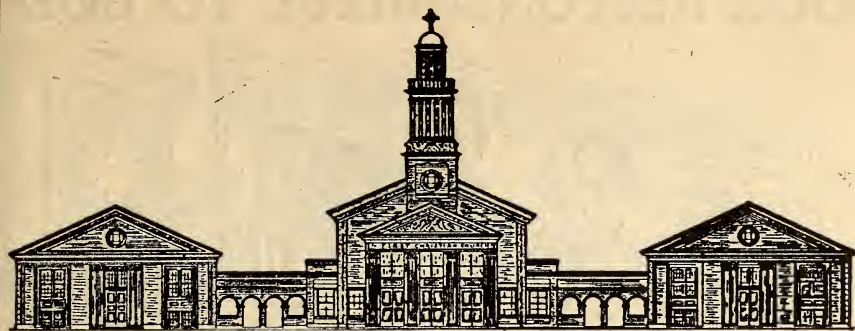


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FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

First Christian Church

Volume 9

Fort Wayne, Ind., October 3, 1946

Number 1

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 6

We join Christians around the world celebrating the Lord's Supper
PAUL C. KEPPLER

Our Living Link and our minister abroad to Mexico

Will be our Guest Preacher on

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Brother Kepple has just come from Mexico. It is an unusual opportunity to have him on World Communion Sunday.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Special Offertory Music

Special Anthem by Choir

Note: May we suggest that you come early to get a good seat on this day when we shall extend a most cordial welcome and greeting to our Minister from Abroad. Miss Marjorie Sutton will direct the choir and Mrs. Robert M. Scott will officiate at the organ.

MEN'S FORUM

ALL MEN OF THE CHURCH ARE URGED TO COME

Dinner Meeting—6:30 A.M.

Our Own Alexander Campbell will preside

Having spoken before the International Convention, having been in various laymen's meetings in churches throughout the Middle West, he will bring us the conclusion of his observations and suggested plans for the future of our Forum. Captain Louis F. Curdes, Ace Pilot, will be the guest speaker and will speak on his war experiences.

Special Music

H. J. Bowker, Soloist

Glenn Miller, Soloist

Flute Solo—John Broom

Piano—Lee Knight

Owen Vaught, Song Leader

The Dorcas Group will prepare our dinner

Come—Come—Come!

Bring a guest

YOU CAN MAKE THIS ONE OF OUR GREAT MEETINGS

Mr. Kepple will be at the dinner and give a few words concerning his work in Mexico

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO GOD



The Parable of the Pounds is closely related in teaching to the Parable of the Talents. The message of it, however, is for a different group. It was spoken to the crowd that were criticising Jesus for going in to lodge at the home of a rich publican. It would seem that Jesus wanted them to realize that the actual amount involved doesn't make much difference. God gives to everyone something that belongs to Him to invest for Him, and everyone is either honest or dishonest in the handling of it. In this case again it is money that is involved. The total is only about \$170.00. But each man was given a pound, around \$17.00 in our money today. The owner journeyed into a distant land and left them free to invest as he would without restriction. But the day came when he returned and demanded an accounting. One man had been very successful and honest. He was greatly rewarded. Another had been less successful but equally honest. He too was rewarded. A third had been, to say the least, totally negligent in his responsibility, and was stripped of that which he had. This parable has a great message for young people of moderate incomes and for the great mass of church people whose salaries are small. It seeks to direct them along the ways of being honest with God, even with the rather meager means that they may have. It may be that the reason why it is hard for the rich to be honest with God is because they didn't start aright when they had but little. God does not want the young to make that sad mistake. God audits their accounts also.

"He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country, to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called ten servants of his, and gave them ten pounds, and said unto them *Trade ye herewith* till I come. But his citizens hated him, and sent an ambassage after him, saying, We will not that this man reign over us. And it came to pass, when he was come back again, having received the kingdom, that he commanded those servants unto whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by trading. And the first came before him, saying, Lord, thy pound hath made ten pounds more. And he said unto him, Well done, thou good servant: because thou wast found faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. . . . And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I kept laid up in a napkin. . . . He saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. . . . But these mine enemies, that would not that I reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me." Luke 19: 12-27.

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RALLY DAY

EVERY CLASS WORKING FOR LARGE ATTENDANCE

Our Children will move into advanced classes—Adults will have regular teachers

AS WE START THIS FALL QUARTER, NEW PUPILS SHOULD ENROLL.

ALL REGULAR STUDENTS SHOULD BE IN THEIR CLASSES.

Remember the Church School begins at 9:30 A.M.

C. Y. F.

Nine members from the C.Y.F. Group are attending the Youth Meet at Etna Green, Sunday, October 6th. This is a fine representation from our Church and demonstrates an active interest in Youth Work on the part of our young people, which merits encouragement.

THROUGH THE MINISTER'S WINDOW

There is a most reverent spirit in our worship services on Sunday morning. Even the younger people and children enter into the service whole-heartedly. It is inspiring to see so many of our families worshipping together.

For many years Paul C. Kepple has been our faithful minister to the great country of Mexico. Groups should make valuable use of him while he is here.

A responsibility list of prospective members is being built. Please send in your suggested names. Prior to our 75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION we shall have a week of intensive evangelistic visitation. Walter C. Birkhold will be in charge of this program.

E. C. Baker and his committee on Finance and Stewardship, is very active these days. Their program will be announced in the next issue of the Tidings.

Work brings dividends. The Anniversary Book with History is shaping up. Mr. Henry Flowers has made us all debtors to him in the fine work he has done. A. O. Schell, chairman of our Board and owner of Permart Co., which will supervise publishing of the books, is spending much time in planning and arranging the material.

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations to parents.

Carole Anne Moses, born 8:45 September 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moses, 226 Cumberland. Jeanne Carole Foote, born August 31st, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Foote, 2926 Pittsburgh. Danny Kent Hagans, born 9:46 September 27th, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hagans, 623 E. Jefferson St.

ILLNESS

Mr. Elmore Schlatter has recently undergone a minor operation at Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Frank Frame has had cataracts removed. He is in Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Harold Hagans is also in Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Shreve, brother-in-law to Mrs. J. Z. Berlein is in Lutheran Hospital having had a cataract removed.

Mr. M. Gindlesparger, 231 E. Master-son is ill at his home.

Mr. O. G. Schell is confined to his home by illness. His condition is serious.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Woman's Council Rummage Sale will be October 10th, 11th, and 12th at 1421 S. Calhoun Street. The room will be open on Wednesday night and someone will be there to receive your articles for the sale. If you are unable to get them there, please bring your contribution to the church next Sunday morning.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The regular meeting of the Official Board will be held Wednesday, October 9th.



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Fort Wayne, Indiana, October 10, 1946

Number 2

WORSHIP — 10:30 A. M.

Sermon: — THE BETTER WAY

Organ Prelude—10:25 A. M.

Special Music by Choir

Offertory — Flute Solo
John W. Broom — Soloist

Organist: Mrs. Robert M. Scott — Choir Leader: Miss Marjorie Sutton

We had an excellent congregation last Sunday — Our Church School was up in attendance. — Neglect not these fine opportunities.

IN YOUR OWN HANDS

"The mould of Man's fortune is in his own hands." This observation was made centuries ago by one of the great men of the ages, Francis Bacon. *Faber quisque fortunae suae*, translated, this Latin expression says, Every one is the architect of his own fortune.

These two quotations suggest not only the warning, but the hopeful thought that we can even plan the fortune that comes to us. We can design and then build our future according to that design. The tragedy is that too few think of carefully planned living. Instead of boredom careful planning brings interest and zest. Your life is in your own hands, in large measure; you can make it interesting or you can make it useless.

No less true is the fact that the Church is in our own hands. Careful planning and forethought can make religion, not something that is casual, infrequent, distant and impractical; being a real spiritual architect can make our religion, dynamic, joyful, creative. In a most illuminating way our church is the combined result of the kind of spiritual architect we have been for our own individual lives. Our church is this and more. It is this plus the lives of other great Christians who have been in our church. A real church is this and more, more than the dreams and hopes of all the members it has ever had. It is this plus the spirit of our Christ.

How shall we relate all this to the church of today. Dear members of the Church, this church and its future is largely in your own hands. What are you doing to it and with it?

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO GOD



A-The very poor

Four verses make up the tiny Parable of the Fruitless Fig Tree. It is of great importance though, for it tells us that God expects a return from everything that is the object of His love and care. It was only a lone fig tree that stood in the owner's vineyard, but it drew nourishment from the soil. It kept for itself the water and the sunshine that might have fallen on the grapevines that grew beneath it. But "all it had it kept and fast did hold," for lo, it was fruitless! There was no return upon it. Thus the owner, after three years of waiting for some fruitage, ordered it destroyed. He did give it one more chance; but only for another year. The inference here seems to be that if the owner of a single fig tree had a right to a return, (and who could deny it?) God has a right to a return from even the least recipient of His love and care. "Can the poor afford to give to God?" we are so often asked. The counter question is, "Can the poor afford not to be honest with God in the light of this parable of a single fig tree?" It stands to reason that He will hold even the very poor accountable for some fruitage.

"And he spake this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came seeking fruit thereon, and found none. And he said unto the vinedresser, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why doth it also cumber the ground? And he answering saith unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: and if it bear fruit thenceforth, well; but if not, thou shalt cut it down."
—(Luke 13:6-9).

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OUR CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Among our most loyal members are those who have come up in the church through the Church School. You do not question whether your children go to the day school. They must read, they must know arithmetic, they must know many things to live in this world successfully. There is nothing more essential to successful living than the proper religious adjustments to life. If we are illiterate in the things of God, we have missed the subject that will give substance and meaning to all else. You want your boy and girl to be a well rounded individual, a church person. Well, some of our best members have come by the way of the Church School. **Bring your children with you that is the right way to go to Sunday School.**

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Donald Paul, born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Broxon, 2111 Jessie St., September 27th. Good wishes to Donald Paul and congratulations to the proud parents. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Broxon are the grandparents.

Janeatte Mae, born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sentman, at St. Joseph's Hospital.

C.Y.F.

The C.Y.F. young peoples group is entertaining their parents and guests at a supper meeting next Sunday evening at the Church.

THE EVENING GUILD

The Evening Guild will meet at the home of Miss Leah Miller, 441 E. Wildwood, Monday, October 14th. at 8:00 o'clock. This will be the annual Guest Night of the organization. A very interesting program has been arranged. Miss Edith Schimmel, a German refugee and an outstanding student in speech at Central High School will speak on "Brotherhood". Miss Schimmel's former home was in Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany. Miss Marjorie Sutton will present a group of songs, accompanied by Miss Sarah Shroyer. The devotions, "Making God's New World", will be given by Miss Ethel Shroyer.

COME DOUBLE

The Come Double Class will have a Halloween Party, Friday, October 11th, at 7:15, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Cole, 450 Clermont. Please come masked and bring a white elephant.

ILLNESS

Mr. Elmore Schlatter is still in Lutheran Hospital but he is **unable** to receive visitors.

Mr. O. G. Schell, 3010 So. Lafayette St., is still confined to his home because of illness.

Mrs. John Davis is confined to her home because of illness.

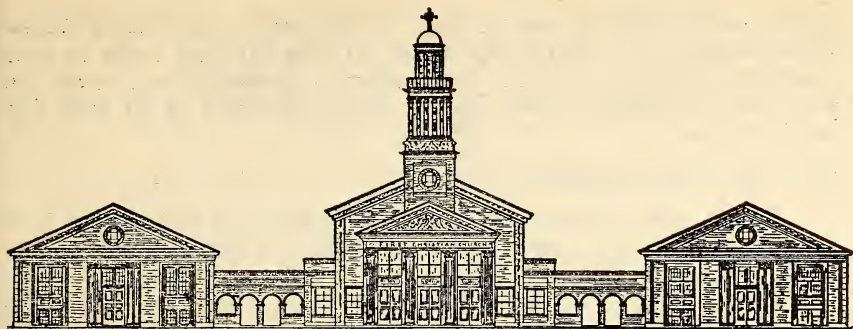
OUR SYMPATHY

Mrs. Hodell of Wabash, Indiana, mother of Mrs. Leo Blair, passed away last Friday. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to Mrs. Blair and her family in the loss of her mother.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Wm. Hilbish and family in the death of her brother.

EMILY E. FLINN HAREST IN-GATHERING

The Woman's Council will hold their October meeting at the Emily Flinn Home at Marion, Indiana. This is the occasion of our Annual Harvest In-Gathering of food for the Home. Canned goods and staples are always acceptable, also, potatoes and cereals. **Please bring your gifts and a covered dish and table service.** We will meet at the Church Tuesday morning, October 22nd at 9:30. Transportation will be provided. Members with cars, please call Mrs. P. Whitton, H-79601 and suggest to her that you will drive a group to Marion. Those needing transportation, please call Mrs. Whitton or the Church Office.



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No. 3

MORNING ORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: "A Reasonable View"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Organ Prelude—10:25 A.M.

Special Music

**ANNUAL DISTRICT COUNTY CONFERENCE
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH — HOST CHURCH**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21st. — 2:00 P.M. AND 7:30 P.M.

Afternoon Session: Devotional by Rev. Robert T. Beck, Host Pastor

Rev. D. D. McColl, District Evangelist, Presiding Officer

Conferences: Under direction of Miss Anna Clarke, Miss Jones and Dr. E. L. Lowe.

Address: "The Present Stategy of Christian Missions".

Special Music

Evening Session: Special Music.

Address: "The Crusade for a Christian World."

Auspices

Indiana Christian Missionary Association, Indianapolis, Indiana.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Each of us be a Committee of one. Come, and bring another.
Loyalty creates growth.

CHURCH HISTORIES

The Histories will soon be ready. Get your orders in to the Church Office.

Your Church Calls You to Worship Sunday

man's relationship to money, than it does any other single theme whatsoever. In the four Gospels, on an average one verse in four treats of money and man's relationship to property, and of all the parables our Saviour used, nearly two-thirds have to do with this single theme.

III. Co-Workers Together With God.

As the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, so the love of what money can do is a root of all kinds of righteousness, peace, and good will in the world.

A man through the love of what his money may do becomes a co-worker together with God, and through his money may be a blessing to hundreds he will never see, and relieve from hunger and starvation and eternal ruin thousands of God's children whom he will never know in this world.

IV. Money Stands for Partnership With God.

Through money God and I are partners, and by its holy significance, we become co-workers together in relieving the poverty of the world, and in saving the lost and the ruined of the world.

When I pray, my words may not mount very high, and being words only they may not cost me much. Words, even in prayer, are abundant, often easy and sometimes very cheap.

But when I cast into the treasury of the Lord my money, I have put there that which has cost me something, that which represents hard licks, severe toil, business ability, my best judgment, that which, in fact, represents my savings and my sacrifice.

I have sent into the service of the Lord my heart, because I have put my treasure there. "For where your treasure is there will your heart be also," declared the Lord Christ.

V. Closer to, or Further from God.

The Book teaches, logic proves, and God knows, that with the money we get and the money we spend, we either get closer to God, or further from God.

Money is the golden cord which binds us to God, and identifies us with Him in world-wide salvation, or it is the cement and the adamant with which we build a wall that separates us from God.

You cannot serve God and money, for in that act you have separated God from money. But you can serve God with money, for in that act you have related yourself to God through money, and thus you have restored and exalted money to its rightful place, a means of constant communication with God, and a medium whereby you come to be a co-worker with Him in His plan of salvation for this whole wide world.

God and My Money

By J. O. ATKINSON

I. The Human Way and the Divine.

The crime of the ages has been the prostitution of money. Money is a divine institution and mankind has recklessly desecrated it. With what result? Just this: There has been more suffering from the abuse of money than on any other account whatsoever.

Empires have been wrecked, nations have gone to ruin, families and individuals have had their bitterest feuds and quarrels, not because of want and pinching poverty, but because of the abuse of money.

Economists define money as a medium of exchange between human beings in society. Man looks upon money as a human device contrived by himself as a convenience in trade, and to be used or abused at will.

God looks upon money as an institution of His own creation through which He might keep his children constantly reminded of Himself, and give them a ready and convenient means of approach to Him. "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts." (Haggai 2:8.) It is all His by right of creation, and priority of claim, and He has never yet abrogated that claim, nor relinquished that right.

II. The Meaning of the Tithe.

That is why God established from the beginning the idea of the tithe, that His rightful ownership may be continually asserted by directing how one-tenth of our possessions shall be used.

One of the anomalies of history, and the blunder of otherwise thoughtful men is, the claim that God established the tithe as a convenient and adequate plan for financing the church and the Kingdom here on earth.

I do not deny that if all would practice the tithe, the church would be adequately financed and the Kingdom would have all it needs for its perpetual growth and development.

But the tithe was established for a far more noble purpose than this, and had consequences in view, of far greater depth and significance than this. Through the tithe idea God was asserting His sovereignty over *all* possessions, and, by tithing his possessions, man was acknowledging that sovereignty. By observing one day in seven as sacred and holy, man was to acknowledge God's sovereignty over time; and in like manner man was to acknowledge God's sovereignty over his material possessions and transactions.

The Word of God treats more often the theme of money, and

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Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Anders
Mrs. Ruth Anderson
Martha Jeannette Beck
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barnett
Mrs. Mary Barnett
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bailey
Mrs. Alene Bedford
Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Berlein
Mrs. Estella Binkley
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold
Mrs. H. J. Bishop
Mrs. Georgia Bauer
Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bowker
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Miss Emma Dorris
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Mrs. Henry Ehle
Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ellison
Mr. and Mrs. Don Eyer

(To be continued)

**PLEASE ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS
CARDS NOW. CALL Mrs. Leo Blair,
221 N. Seminole, H-50805.**

EMILY E. FLINN HARVEST IN-GATHERING

Tuesday, October 22nd, the Woman's Council will hold their meeting at the Emily E. Flinn Home at Marion, Indiana. This will be an enjoyable drive; good fellowship, one with the other; a privilege and a pleasure to meet with the elder guests of the Home. You will receive a cordial welcome.

We are to meet at the Church at 9:30 A.M. Tuesday. Transportation will be furnished for all who will go. Bring your gifts of food or clothing, your table service and a covered dish. The ladies of the Home are to be our dinner guests. If you are unable to go next Tuesday, bring your offering to the Church on Sunday.

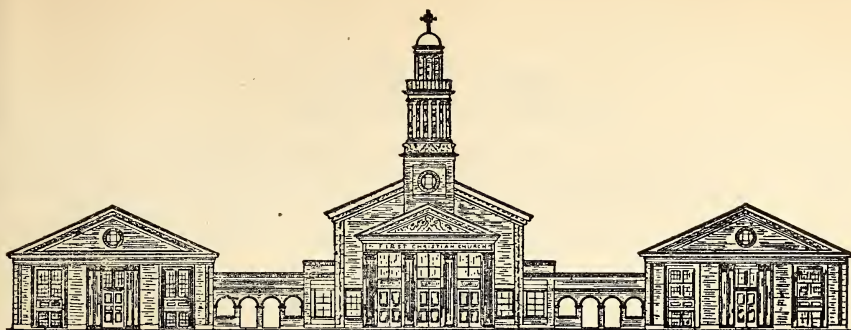
WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS

The Woman's Bible Class will entertain the Friendly Class and the Loyal Reapers Class, November 8th. Mrs. H. B. Marx has been secured as guest speaker. Please keep this date open.

The leader of our choir Miss Marjorie Sutton, is proving a tireless worker. She is making a fine contribution to our church program. She is appreciated. And she deserves the support of all those who are choir material. Miss Sutton, herself, has a beautiful voice, and inspired the congregation with a beautiful number last Sunday.

Our Cradle Roll Grows. We are informed by Mrs. Birkhold, field superintendent that our Cradle Roll is reaching an all time high. We are glad to learn of these new prospective members.

MAIL YOUR ORDER FOR YOUR CHURCH HISTORY BOOK TODAY



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Fort Wayne, Ind., October 24, 1946

Number 4

STEPPING UP THE PROGRAM OF OUR CHURCH

Through Review of Past.....Seventy Fifth Celebration

Beautiful and Reverent Worship Services

Intensified Religious Program of Education

SOCIAL LIFE OF CHURCH

Colony Program moves into Action—Paul Parson will head this work.

Smaller groups to emphasize fellowship

Family Night—Increasing Fellowship and Friendship Experiences

FINANCES OF CHURCH BROADENED

An appeal to increase pledges 10 to 20 per cent—To secure many new pledges from those yet unpledged to work of Church

Our New members are making a fine record in supporting the church. We want to make it unanimous. Our Finance Committee deserves our thanks.

ALL OF THIS IS TO HEAD UP BY OUR CELEBRATION OF OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

THESE GREAT DAYS ARE NOVEMBER 17th, 18th and 19th

YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS PROGRAM VICTORIOUS — DO YOUR PART NOW!

WORSHIP SUNDAY — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: Does Money Really Talk?

Preacher: Our Minister

Organ Prelude 10:35 A.M.

Our thanks to so many who come early to worship. Our appreciation to so many who make our church so friendly.

Our indebtedness to all who make our worship service a reverent Christian experience each Sunday.

Special MusicGreat Hymns of the Church

You will be helped—you will have a chance to help others when you come to Church Sunday.

PASTORAL LETTER

October 24th, 1946.

Dear Christian Friend:—

My first word to you is one of appreciation. In many ways you have expressed your interest and co-operation. We are closing our seventy-five years of history with a forward look. More a part of The Christian World Movement Than Ever Before.

These last years have shown to us something of our strength. Every month has seen our church increase in numerical strength and has witnessed a growing spiritual response. All our groups are tightening their organizations in program and in activity. The Women's Council, the Men's Forum, our Church School, our Official Board are on the threshold of expansion programs. The general set-up for the presentation of complete plans for the building of a new church structure will before long be presented to the whole church.

These are great days for the First Christian Church. And it is right that they should be. The day of march has come for churches which are democratic in polity and spirit. Through our churches we may have proof of the adequacy and effectiveness of Christian democracy. The next few years should see this church of 900 members grow to 1800 resident membership, with an adequate program for education, Christian fellowship and evangelism. Such fellowships are needed in our World of Supremacy. Being Christian we will share our hope.

It is with these facts in mind that we should face our financial responsibility. In a real way what we do for the youth, the homes, for the moral and spiritual development, of our community and the world work of the church, largely rest upon a comprehensive generosity.

We feel that our support of this work is not only a responsibility, but an opportunity. Above all, as your minister, I am concerned that your support of the church be a happy experience. Do not give until it hurts. Rather give until it makes you happy to be a part of our Beloved Community, this little heaven on earth, Our Church.

Faithfully yours,

ROBERT T. BECK.

WHAT IT COSTS PROPOSED 1947 BUDGET

1. Public Worship and Pastoral Work and Salaries	\$ 9,200.00
Administration and Operations	3,875.00
World Work of the Church (Missions, Week Day Religious Education, Benevolences, etc.)	2,625.00
Maintenance of Property, etc.	1,800.00
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	\$17,500.00

WHY WE MUST DO THESE THINGS

1. For the sake of our improving program.
2. To maintain our plan of service to the Community and the World.
3. To meet increasing costs by increasing the base of our giving.
4. To avoid any deficits for 1947.
5. To do our share in a world that needs more than ever what this Church has to give.

HOW WE ARE GIVING THIS YEAR

		Per Week
2 Giving	\$ 6.00	\$12.00
1 Giving	5.50	5.50
2 Giving	5.00	10.00
2 Giving	4.00	8.00
1 Giving	3.50	3.50
6 Giving	3.00	18.00
3 Giving	2.50	7.50
16 Giving	2.00	32.00
5 Giving	1.50	7.50
6 Giving	1.25	7.50
1 Giving	1.15	1.15
3 Giving	1.10	3.30
100 Giving	1.00	100.00
119 Giving Under	1.00 (approx.)	40.00
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267		\$255.95

HOW WE CAN RAISE THE BUDGET NEXT YEAR

		Per Week
2 Giving	10.00	\$20.00
2 Giving	6.00	12.00
5 Giving	5.00	25.00
5 Giving	4.00	20.00
7 Giving	3.00	21.00
2 Giving	3.50	7.00
25 Giving	2.00	50.00
10 Giving	1.50	15.00
10 Giving	1.25	12.50
3 Giving	2.50	7.50
130 Giving	1.00	130.00
150 Giving under	1.00	60.00
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351		\$380.00

WE CAN, WE MUST, WE WILL DO THIS THING!

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CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

We Believe in Christian Education—Be in the Church School THIS SUNDAY.

DINNER — FAMILY NIGHT — SUNDAY — 6:00 P.M. SURPRISE PROGRAM

Hostesses: Martha and Rachel Circles

ILLNESS

Mrs. Jessie Paul is in room 211 Lutheran Hospital, having suffered a severe fall.

Mr. Leo Miller is very ill in Lutheran Hospital, room 159.

Mrs. Emma Carles is ill at her home, 526 Dayton Avenue.

Mr. O. G. Schell is still quite ill at his home, 3010 S. Lafayette Street.

Mrs. Minnie Combs, mother of Mrs. R. J. Rousseau, is ill in Methodist Hospital, room 509.

C.Y.F.

HALLOWEEN MASQUERADE PARTY

The C.Y.F. has planned a Big Halloween Party for all High School and Junior High School Students. It will be held in the basement of the church at 7:00 o'clock on Saturday. There will be prizes for:

The Funniest Costume
and

The Most Unusual Costume
Games Refreshments

CHRISTMAS CARDS

All orders for personalized Christmas Cards must be received before November 5. No order for personalized cards can be taken after that time.

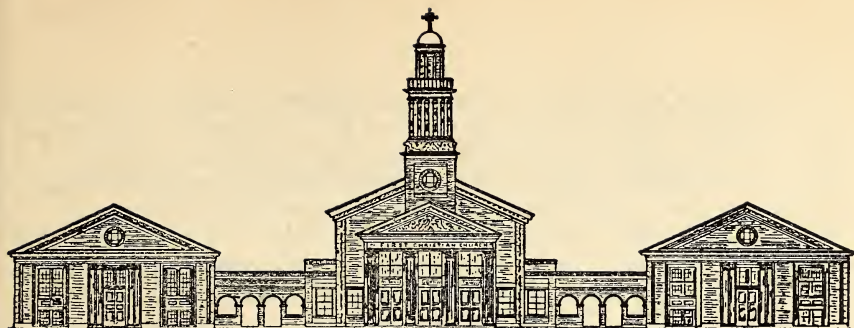
FAMILY NIGHT

The Martha and Rachel Circles will be hostesses for Family Night next Sunday evening, October 27th at 6:15 p.m. Bring food enough for your family and your table service. Coffee, cream, rolls and butter will be furnished.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bailey
Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Baker
Mrs. R. E. Firestone
Miss Anita Fitch
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fitch
The Fitch Bros.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Flowers
Mrs. Joseph Fogel
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Frame
Mr. and Mrs. George Frost
Mrs. Nettie Funk
Mr. and Mrs. E. Fusselman
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fuchshuber
Janice Lee Fuchshuber
Bonnie Lou Fusselman
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Gaskill
Mrs. Edwin Geerken
Miss Flora Gilmore
Mr. and Mrs. N. Gorham
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harris
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Haddox
Miss Mildred Hartman
Miss Mabel Haynes
Miss Pearl Heidecker
Mr. and Mrs. M. Heller
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hilbish
Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hiler
Mrs. Anna Hirschy
Mrs. Florence Hobbs
Mrs. David Hogg
Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hopkins
Leonard Horn
Miss Mildred Hutchinson
Sally Hirschy
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody
Mrs. Beverly Johnston
Rev. David Jones
Miss Elaine Jone
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jordan
Miss Helen Jordan
Mr. and Mrs. John Juday
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Number 5

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE—10:25 A. M.

SERMON: What Do You Remember?

Preacher: Our Pastor

Special Music By Choir — Special Solo

Church School 9:30 A.M.

Work out your plans so that you and your children are in the Church School on Sunday Morning

THE MEN'S FORUM

Dinner — 6:00 P. M.

Colonel William Krieg, 54 months in the war, legal counsel for national headquarters of Selective Service, assistant to the general counsel in connection with national legislation, will speak Sunday evening concerning "Universal Military Training" taking the affirmative side of this question.

Glenn Miller will present a musical feature for the Forum.

Alexander M. Campbell, president of the Forum will preside.

Owen O. Vaught, will lead the singing.

PLEASE GET YOUR RESERVATION IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

THE STEPPING-UP PROGRAM

The Colony Program goes into action with a plan to contact every home before the 74th Anniversary Celebration.

Finance — Program

The office has been receiving new pledges and increases in pledges. This speaks well for our membership.

Visitation in Stewardship Under Way

The finance committee under the leadership of E. R. Baker, is carrying out a visitation program. The visitation started Wednesday evening. The committee, composed of E. R. Baker, John Davis, Delmas Young, J. M. Fitch, Chester Follis, are being assisted by C. A. Yoquelet, Kenneth Sefton, Clay Orchard, Vaughn Brickley, Arthur Davis, Charles Young, H. E. Hiler, Homer Broxon, Larry Sentman, Kenneth Lytle, Ray Barnett, Martin Kimble, Paul Parsons, Walter C. Birkhold, C. F. Durfee, John J. McCarel.

The thanks of the church goes out to this group of our men who are taking seriously the work of our church of Jesus Christ. If they call on you be sure to thank them.

Of course, any man who does not receive a salary, but runs his own business, will reckon his tithe on his net income, not on his total receipts. He will deduct the expenses to the carrying-on of his business, precisely as he does in making out his income-tax schedule, except that he will not deduct the exemption of \$1,000 for single persons or \$2,500 if married. Why? The tithe is a privilege. The income tax is a tax. Such exemptions as are proper to a tax would deny, to nine-tenths of all Christians, any share whatever in supporting the work of the Kingdom of God.

IF YOU BELIEVE ALL THIS, WHAT OF IT?

Tithing must begin as a conviction. You believe that it is one of the real and workable ways of becoming a partner with God; more, that it is a direct Christian responsibility.

It must continue as a habit. Therefore, you must see that it becomes regular, natural and easy.

How shall the habit be formed? No better advice can be given than that which William James gave to his students:

"First: In the acquisition of a new habit, we must take care to launch ourselves with as strong and decided an *initiative* as possible.

"Second: Never suffer an exception to occur till the new habit is rooted in your life.

"Third: Seize the very first opportunity to act on every resolution you make, and on every emotional prompting you may experience in the direction of habits you aspire to gain."

For you, this means beginning with the first and most important contact you have with the work of God; your own church.

It does not necessarily mean that *all* your tithe should go to the church, or even that all of it should be distributed through the church as your agent.

In this day of many religious and charitable activities carried on outside the church, you may prefer to keep full control of your tithe, and to apportion it according to your special interest, in all good conscience.

But for most of us the church comes first, and all the more because if we do not support the church ourselves we cannot expect non-Christians to make up for our omission. They are glad to unite with us in aiding many other worthy causes, but the church is and must be dependent on its own people.

Not only that, but the church is the most experienced, the most effective, and the most lastingly valuable of all the institutions for the blessing of men. It is the directest promoter, by its spirit and its work, of what Jesus came to set up in the earth—the Kingdom of God.

The way to tithe is to tithe. And the time to begin is the moment you see it as your obligation and your privilege.

After Questions, What Then?

We are so built that even when we "get the idea" we like to ask questions about it. People ask questions about the tithe—lots of questions.

The thousands of inquiries which came to Thomas Kane through his fifty years of teaching the tithe, as he used to say, simmered down to about a dozen real questions. And he loved to answer them. What is given here is not phrased in his words, but he would agree with it.

Is not the tithe really a special tax on the Christian, from which the non-Christian goes free?

On the contrary, the Christian escapes so many expenses that fall on the non-Christian that his tithe might easily be justified as purely a thank-offering.

Look at the Christian! Without any least trace of Pharisaism, he can be thankful that he is not taxed as other men are.

Many non-Christians pay for their various vices, large and small, at least as much as the tithe. The Christian has no such expense.

Many non-Christians feel the need of constant excitement, which is expensive, to keep from being unbearably bored by life. The Christian finds life infinitely interesting, and can get his thrills not only more innocently, but at much lower cost.

Many non-Christians are worshipers and slaves of things. They must satisfy their lust for possessions. It costs a lot. The Christian knows how to keep things where they belong; his servants, not his masters. And he needs fewer of them.

When a Christian sees how other men pay both in money and in vital force for their pet vices—for sensuality, for avarice, for greed, for prejudice, for revenge, for hate, for sheer folly, then the tithe seems not too much, merely as a thank-offering for what he escapes.

How can people tithe whose incomes are irregular, complicated and variable in amount?

Before the passage of the Sixteenth Amendment that seemed a real question. At any rate, farmers and others found it difficult to calculate their tithable income. It could be done, and it was done. But many found the figuring too difficult and complicated.

Since then we have all gone to school to Uncle Sam. He has taught us how to figure our incomes. What is more, he has made us do it.

No income is today too big or too complicated for the computation of the income tax. There's a way to get at it.

For those who are below the exemption line, simple directions are available from the stewardship departments of the churches, which greatly lessen the labor and uncertainty of the computation.

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ELDERS SERVING IN NOVEMBER

November 3—

A. O. Schell, W. C. Birkhold

November 10—

B. W. Leversee, J. F. Reithmiller

November 17—

P. H. Somers, Dale Parkerson

November 24—

Ray Barnett, Myron Cole

DEACONS SERVING IN NOVEMBER

Martin Kimble, Captain; R. H. Cole, Leo Miller, Clay Orchard, Grant T. Munson, Delmas Young, Joe W. Clark, Dempsey Weaver.

Please notify your chairman if you are unable to serve.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Board will meet Tuesday, November 5th at 7:45 pm. at the church. Please note change of date.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Martha Circle will meet with Mrs. Calvin Johnson, 2724 Oliver St., for a dessert luncheon at 1:30, Wednesday, November 6th.

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. Wm. L. Hilbish, 328 W. Butler, Wednesday, November 6th at 2:00 o'clock.

The Rachel Group will meet with Mrs. Leo Blair, 221 No. Seminole Circle, Tuesday, November 5th. Mrs. J. Z. Berlein will have the devotions.

The Naomi Circle will meet with Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, 4017 S. Fairfield, Wednesday, November 13th. Mrs. Ruth Anderson, assisting hostess.

The Dorcas Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Floyd Morrical, Wayne Trace, R.R. No. 10, Thursday, November 7th.

The Ruth Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. C. F. Durfee, 1018 College St., Tuesday, November 5th. Mrs. Henry Ehle will have the devotions. This will be a Fellowship and Homecoming Day.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Miss Elsie Keith

Mr. and Mrs. M. Kimble

Mrs. Ella King

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kirby

Mrs. Vera Kiser

Mrs. J. C. Koegel

Mrs. Cora Kover

Mr. Charles Krick

Mr. V. C. Knight

Mrs. Frances Knott

Mrs. Louise Lacy

Mrs. Josephine Lahmeyer

Miss Beatrice Lehman

Mrs. Niona Lehman

Mr. C. A. Lehneke

Miss Donna Leversee

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Leversee

Mrs. Emily Lowman

Mrs. J. A. Lynn

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCarel

Miss Marguerite McGuire

Mrs. Daisy McIntyre

Miss Helen McLennan

Mrs. C. R. McMaken

Mrs. E. T. Metcalf

Miss Lulu Michael

Mrs. Beatrice Michael

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Miller

Mrs. Jessie and Miss Leah Miller

Mrs. Ruby Miller

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moffitt

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Moser

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Munson

Miss Dorothy Murphy

Mrs. Joseph Miller

Mrs. Luna Otterman

Mrs. Nellie Newland

Mrs. Cora Nowells

Miss Peggy Orchard

Miss Ernie Owen

Mrs. Margaret Owen

Gail Parsons

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Palmer

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parkerson

Mrs. Amanda Parks

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Parsons

Mrs. Alpha Piercy

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Pritchard

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ORGAN PRELUDE 10:25 A.M.

Church School 9:30 A.M.

Morning Worship 10:30

75th Anniversary Sermon, "A Long Look or a Prayer on A Mountain".....Minister
Special Music.

VISITATION PROGRAM

November 11th to 15th, inclusive.

All prospective names should be in by Sunday, November 10th.

Listen over WGL for Anniversary Newscast all next week.

75th ANNIVERSARY

November 17th to 19th.

Sunday, November 17th.—

Church School 9:30 A.M.

Worship Services 10:30 A.M.

Dr. John Ray Ewers, Pastor, East Side Christian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
will bring the morning sermon. Special Music.

Community Services 3:45 P.M. Vespers.

A short musical will be followed by an address by Dr. Ewers. Mr. and Mrs.
Guy Smith will present vocal numbers. Responses and greetings from representa-
tives from the various organizations of the city.

Monday, November 18th.—

Reception for former Pastors 7:45 P.M.

Special Music and short talks from former ministers.

Distribution of History.

Tuesday, November 19th.—

RADIO PROGRAM WGL, 4:15 P.M.

Discussion of Anniversary and an interview.

Diamond Jubilee Birthday Dinner 6:30 P.M.

West Creighton Ave., Christian Church in Church Gymnasium.

Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones will bring the message.

Important announcements will be given.

Special Music.

Get your reservations in early.

LOVE

And, best of all, *there's the way of grateful love*. In glad recognition that all we have is God's giving, we devote a definite proportion of his gift directly to the work we believe he wants done in the world.

This way is the way of liberation. No man can follow it and be unhappy about it. Either it will bring its own happiness or it will not be practiced.

This way takes all the nuisance-value out of "appeals." To the tither, "appeals" are like his banker's list of possible investments. He doesn't invest in every one he hears about; but he isn't annoyed when the banker submits the list.

IS THE TITHE COMPULSORY?

Nothing Christian is compulsory. Jesus began his ministry with an *invitation*. He extended it to a few men. At the very end of his work he wept over a city which he would have saved, "*but ye would not.*"

The tithe is voluntary.

The town in which I live has an elevated railway. One of the stations is near a great Roman Catholic burying ground, Calvary Cemetery.

For many years, because in that part of the town were many more dead than living folk, the trains did not stop at the cemetery station except on request. Just after leaving the nearest station, the guard would open the door and say, "*Next station is Calvary. Train stops on signal only. Anybody for Calvary?*"

It is a parable of life's train. At all the other stations every train stops. At Market Street, at School Street, at University Avenue, at Main Street, at Vanity Fair, at Broadway, at Church Street, at Home Avenue. No special notice needed.

But to get off at Calvary—that means a choice, and an expressed desire.

So Jesus stopped at His Calvary—of His own will, for our sakes.

His Calvary was death. And life everlasting. Its essence was its voluntariness. If it had been forced it would have been without meaning.

He does not force anyone to be His disciple. But He does say: "*If any man will come after Me, let him take up his cross and follow Me.*"

Every man goes to his own Calvary. Whatever its outward aspect, the essence of it is that he puts others before himself, and does this of his own choice. And that it is which makes him a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Anybody for Calvary?

Choose Your Own Reason for Tithing!

By DAN B. BRUMMITT

You may come to the tithe idea by several separate ways. It isn't one of those peculiar doctrines that depend on giving a special twist to a single verse of Scripture.

LAW

There's the way of law. Some object to traveling that way. But there it is—not merely the law of the Old Testament.

Like the law of the Rest-and-Worship Day; like the law of "One-man-for-one-woman," it is a law which got into the thought of men before there were any Ten Commandments.

It is old, old; and though there are those who think it has been repealed entirely, nobody ever thought of changing its form. You never hear of a seventh, a twelfth, or a twentieth. As a law, it was always the sacred TENTH. If you come by the law road, you arrive at *that*.

EFFICIENCY

There's the way of Christian efficiency. The Tithe really works, for the Church; just as we have been told it would.

The testimonies in its favor are on record by multiplied thousands. It works almost too well. When a group in a church begins to practice it, or a group of churches, the tithers always carry a large overplus beyond their numerically proportionate share of the load.

SELF-INTEREST

There's the way of self-interest. People who think spirituality means something ethereal are apt to sniff at this linking of tithing with prosperity. But they can't sniff it away. There it is. Other things being equal, the tither is more prosperous than the non-tither, and always will be.

We pray for material blessings. Why be surprised when they come?

Tithing does not make poor land fertile. It does not turn tornadoes aside. It does not make up for the tither's lack of any other Christian virtue, or for the limitations that produce differences of ability.

But it works for prosperity, none the less.

It calls for conscience in dealing with what possessions we have.

It develops foresight. It fosters an increasing dislike of waste and needless spending.

The tither must think about his income not only when he is earning it, but also when he is spending it.

That habit alone will protect him at times from spending uselessly as much as his tithe amounts to.

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ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEES

Co-Chairman, Rev. Robert T. Beck and Chairman of Board, A. O. Schell. Program Committee: Owen Vaught, Chairman, H. G. Hiler, Mrs. David Hogg, Ray Barnett, Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Mrs. Robert Scott. Speakers Committee: Alexander M. Campbell, Chairman, Rev. and Mrs. Beck, Owen Vaught, H. W. Sigrist, Mrs. D. Hogg, Dale Parkerson, Miss Sarah Shroyer. Banquet Committee: C. D. Dilts, Chairman, G. T. Munson, Robert Clipp, Mrs. O. G. Schell, Mrs. M. Wagner. Social Committee: Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. Herschel Bailey, Mrs. J. McCarel, Mrs. J. C. Koegel, Mrs. C. E. Dare. Decorations: Mrs. C. F. Durfee. Records: Mrs. Owen Vaught. Children's Program: Mrs. Arthur W. Davis. Reception Committee: Walter C. Birkhold. Publicity Committee: Henry Flowers, Chairman, Delmas Young, Miss Erice Owen. Finance Committee: John F. Davis.

COME DOUBLE CLASS

The Come Double Class is now engaged in competition with the Young Married Class of the Kendallville Christian Church. All members and people eligible for this class please plan to attend Church School and help us win this contest. The regular monthly class meeting will be held Friday night, November 8th at 7:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Corbin, 1215½ Stophlet St.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Executive meeting November 12th at 1:00. Regular meeting at 2:15 P.M. Theme: "In Times Like These". Special music by Miss Anita Fitch. Talks, "Christian Attitudes in the Community" by Mrs. L. Parrish; "Christian Attitudes in the Home", by Mrs. Irene Cline. Devotions, "Home Worship", Rachel Group.

BOOK MISSING

The book, "The New Leviathan" is missing from the Library. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of this book, please see the Church Librarian.

WOMAN'S CLASS PARTY

The Women's Class is entertaining the Loyal Reapers and The Friendly Class at a dinner Friday, November 8th, at 6:30 P.M. The Women's Class will furnish the meat and potato dishes, rolls and coffee. The Loyal Reapers Class, the dessert and the Friendly Class, the salad. Bring your table service. Mrs. H. B. Marx, former Missionary to China, will be the guest speaker. Mrs. Edwin Leigh will give the devotions.

ILLNESS

Mrs. B. W. Leversee is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 467.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER TICKETS

Tickets for the 75th Anniversary Birthday Dinner will be on sale at the church Sunday. Be sure to get your ticket then. All reservations must be in by November 14th.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Miss Virginia Ragan
Mr. and Mrs. Adam Ragan
Miss Betty Ragan
Mrs. Philip Rehm
Mrs. Mallie Reidt
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Rice
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rice
Mrs. Jessie Richwine
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Riethmiller
Mrs. Harold Roberts
Mrs. George Robinson
Mrs. F. H. Rogers
Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rousseau
Mr. and Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau
W. W. Rousseau
Mrs. C. R. Sargent
Miss Edna Saxon
Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Schell
Carolyn Schell
Margaret Rose Schell
Mrs. Millie Scherer
Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Schlatter
Mrs. Lillian Scott
Mr. and Mrs. K. Sefton
Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Sentman
Mrs. Amy Shawhan
Mrs. Lorea Kuhlman
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sharp
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75TH ANNIVERSARY

CHURCH SCHOL — 9:30 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude — 10:25 A.M.

Offertory Anthem: — "O Lord Most Holy"Franck
Anthem: — "Open My Eyes"Macfarlane

CELEBRATION — LORD'S SUPPER

Sermon: — "Only One Life"Guest Preacher, The Rev. Dr. John Ray Ewers

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

* Dr. Ewers is minister of the East End Christian Church of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Graduate of the Divinity School of Chicago University, received a Doctor of Divinity Degree from the University of Pittsburgh. Lecturer on International Politics, college preacher. Formed and Maintained the great Pittsburgh Sunday Evening Forum and has maintained it for 16 years. Has written the Sunday School lessons for the Christian Century for 27 years. Built under his ministry in Pittsburgh one of the finest church buildings in America.

SUNDAY VESPERS — 3:45 P.M.

Community Program

Organ Prelude

Hon. Alexander M. Campbell, presiding

Musicale — by Choir

Anthem: — "Holy is The Lord"by Offenbach - Meredith
Solo: — "Judge Me, O God"Dudley Buck

Guest Soloist — Mr. Guy Smith

Anthem: — "I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say"

VESPER ADDRESS

Address: — "Christ's Prayer For Unity"Dr. John Ray Ewers
Quartette: — "Sing Ye Parises"Raines

Mrs. D. W. Ditton, soprano; Mr. Owen Vaught, tenor; Mrs. Guy Smith, contralto; Mr. Guy Smith, bass.



God's Portion First

"Should I not pay my debts first?" The answer of Scripture from earliest times seems to be a decided "No!" God is not pleased, we are led to see, with our left-overs. He must be first; for if He is not given first place, then something else and not He is our god. Therefore He is not a deferred but a preferred creditor in the payment of our honest debts. There is abundant testimony, coming from the lips of those who have given Him first place in the settlement of their accounts, that when they are honest with Him, the remainder will actually go further with His blessing than the entire amount without it. Moreover, it is as important to be honest with God as it is to maintain our credit in the community in which we live. Again, is a man really paying his debts when he robs God to do so? If we were a juror, would we vote to acquit a man of thievery who had stolen from one person to pay an honest debt to another? There doesn't seem to be much choice when we stop to reason it through. But there just isn't any at all when it comes to the teaching of God's word. Finally, no one was exempted.

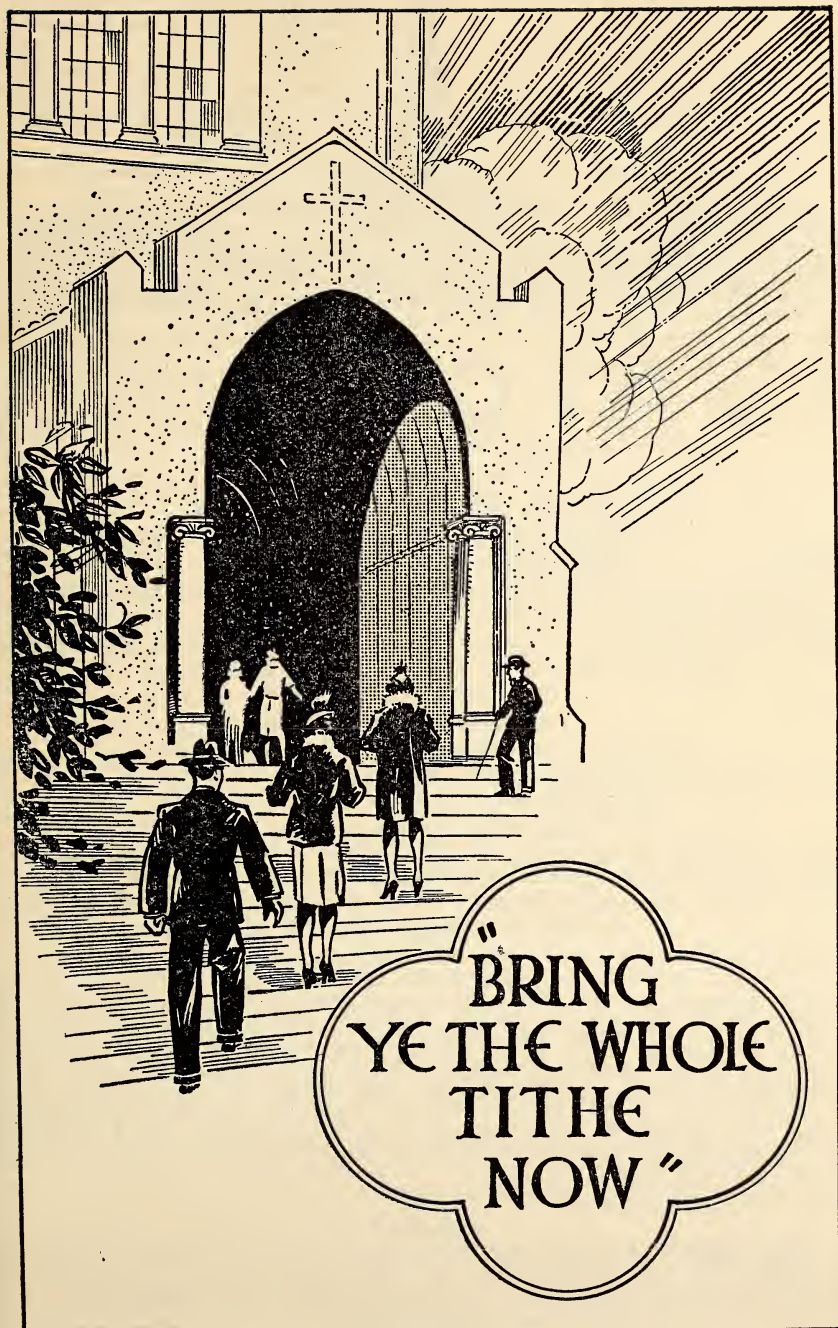
"And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, when ye are come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring the sheaf of the first-fruits of your harvest unto the priest: . . . And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched grain, nor fresh ears, until this selfsame day, until ye have brought the oblation of your God: *it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings*" (Leviticus 23:9-10, 14).

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GREETINGS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Walter Walb, President of Chamber of Commerce, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
Dr. B. Brooks Shake, Pastor, Wayne Street Methodist Church.
Mr. Robert Leach, President, Fort Wayne Federation of Labor.
Mr. Dwight Shirey, President, Associated Churches of Fort Wayne.
Dr. George W. Allison, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church.
Rev. Earnest Harrold, Pastor, West Creighton Avenue Christian Church.
Hon. Harry W. Baals, Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne.

R E C E P T I O N

Monday, November 18th — 7:45 P.M.

Former Pastors Invited:

Dr. Perry J. Rice, South Gate, California
Rev. Arthur P. Wilson, Charlotte, N.C.
Rev. Barton A. Johnson, Covington, Ky.
Chaplain S. J. Burges, Alexandria, Va.

Memorial for all deceased former ministers appears in the Anniversary Book
and Church History.

Brief messages from former ministers.....Special Music

75TH BIRTHDAY DINNER *

Tuesday Evening — 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Alfred O. Schell, Chairman of the Board, presiding
Special Music.....Mr. Glenn Miller — Saxophone Solo
Mr. John W. Broom — Flute Solo.
Mr. Verne Knight, accompanist.

Community singing led by Miss Marjorie Sutton, choir director.

Responses from various members on 75th Anniversary.

Guest speaker introduced by our pastor, Rev. Robert T. Beck.

Address: — Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones * *

* The banquet will be held in the West Creighton Avenue Christian Church.

** Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones, pastor of the Central Woodward Avenue Christian Church whose building is one of the most beautiful in the city of Detroit. Dr. Jones is an authority on Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson, Thomas Jefferson, and others. Dr. Jones is the author of many books among these American Preachers of Today, This Great Business of Being a Christian, A Man Stood Up To Preach. He is widely traveled, and since 1939 articles covering the political situation of today have been written for a syndicate of American newspapers. He was president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ of America 1937-38. He is also past president of the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Mallie Reidt, 606 E. Wayne has been ill at her home, and is now recovering. Mr. O. G. Schell is ill at his home, 3010 S. Lafayette St. Mrs. B. W. Leversee is still in hospital. She is recovering nicely from her operation.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Louise Lacy and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ehle in the passing of their mother, Tuesday, November 12th.



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THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

SERMON "Along The Winds of God." Preacher: Our Pastor
 Special Music—————Fine Congregational Singing

CHURCH SCHOOL

(9:30 A.M.)

Remember your Thanksgiving Offering for Missions

Our Church School

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Progressive teaching

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There is a place for everyone

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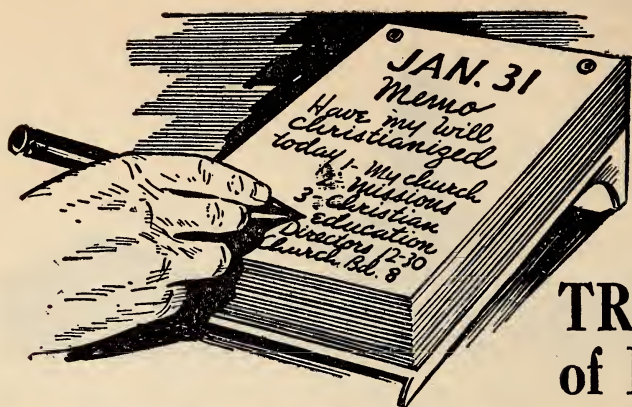
Great Services last Sunday — Stirring messages from Dr. John Ray Evers—
 Splendid music — heart-warming greetings from our community — great fellow-
 ship Monday — Joyous reunion with Rev. and Mrs. Johnson — Tuesday climax
 lasting memories of Birthday and Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones.

THANKSGIVING

It was more than passing significance that the celebration of our 75th anniversary came so near the observance of Thanksgiving. We have so much for which to be thankful. How fortunate those early Christians in Fort Wayne had the fortitude and courage to make decisions; to launch out in the building of a Church on a splendid lot. To move from their meeting place and secure a lot that would be useful for 75 years!

We can continue to express our thanks for the courage, for the capacity to make decision that were in our church fifty years ago when refusing to sustain status quo, entered into a program under the leadership of Brother Perry Rice, the disciples of fifty years ago entered in, what was to them, a great adventure. They made possible a great church for fifty years.

We the people of this decade must make decisions. Some make decision by simply hesitating. Others make decisions by entering into a great future. We may indeed be Thankful that when we made decision for an outgoing church, we do not go alone. We can thank Almighty God that He leads his people on and our Lord and Master has promised to be with us until the end of the ages.



The TRAGEDY of DELAY

The story of the ten Virgins who went to meet the bridegroom gives us the wisdom of early and the tragedy of delayed investment for Christ. All of them apparently had money to invest in that which would give honor to him. Moreover, they seem to have been willing to make the investment. However, five of them did so, but the other five put it off. The first five honored him and were honored as his guests at the marriage feast. The other five go down in history as five willing but negligent fools who lost a golden opportunity to honor the bridegroom and to sit at his table. But somehow as Christians we have not gotten hold of the message of this parable as we should. A multi-millionaire wrote many years before his death, after a visit to the Orient, "In all my life I never saw such opportunity for the investment of money that anyone sets apart to give to the Christ who gave Himself for us. . . . I felt a lump of regret in my heart that I had not been wise enough to make these investments myself, and wished a hundred times I had known twenty-five years ago what I learned a half year ago." Yet, he put off making a will, and, when death came, his vast fortune passed over to one not so interested. "The door was shut" to the investment that he might have made to the honor of the Bridegroom Christ. Now is the only time that we may ever have to invest for Him. It is so foolish to put it off. The making of a Christian will is a prudent thing. To delay in arranging our investment for Christ is off to lose a great opportunity.

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For the foolish, when they took their lamps, took no oil with them: but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. Now while the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight there is a cry, Behold, the bridegroom! Come ye forth to meet him. . . . And the foolish . . . while they went away to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut." (Matthew 25:1-10).

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UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Union Thanksgiving Service will be held in our sanctuary this year. Rev. Olsen of the First Baptist Church will bring the Thanksgiving sermon.

THANKS!

To all committees and to all members who worked and made our 75th Celebration such a success. Telegrams were received with congratulations from Paul C. Kepple, our minister abroad. William and Paul Wilcox, Myrtle Wilcox, East Orange, N. J.; Junior Everhard, Cleveland; Alexander M. Campbell, who was unable to come because of a jury trial in South Bend; F. W. Shearer, Chicago. Letters were received from President Paul Fall, Hiram College, Frank Kennedy, Central church Danville, Ill. Brother and Mrs. Perry J. Rice, former minister of First Church, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne, John W. Harms, Chicago, John A. Farr, Central Christian Church, Washington, Indiana, and a host of others.

Ladies Bible Class

The Ladies Bible Class will meet with Mrs. Ray Woodhull, 2650 Fox Avenue, Tuesday, November 26, at 2:15 p.m.

A NEW WORLD

There must be a new world if there is to be any world at all. That human beings . . . can ever return to the old sorry routine and proceed with any steadiness or continuance there: this small hope is not now a tenable one. These days of universal death must be days of universal new birth if the ruin is not to be total and final.

—Thomas Carlyle.

Front Rank

Do you read the Front Rank. When you receive a copy at the church school, take it home, read it. There are splendid articles for youth in this magazine.

Honor Roll

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bailey and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Cahow, Mrs. Emma Carles, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carlisle, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clipp, James Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Davis, Joyce Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly, Mrs. Ida Mae England, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Erwin, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Follis, Miss Wanda Follis, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Greenwood, Mrs. Olga Heidecker, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hiler, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Leversee, Mrs. J. C. Koegle, Miss Lucile McCarty, Mr. and Mrs. Collins Mannan, Mrs. E. T. Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Morkoetter, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Orchard, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Par-erson, Mrs. Harold Roberts, Mrs. Lillian Scott, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Arza Smith, Mrs. F. S. Van Alstine, Mrs. J. H. Whitbey, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yentes, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Worley.

Woman's Day

The Annual Woman's Day, sponsored by the Women's Council will be Sunday, December 1st. Dr. Cleo Blackburn, of Flanner House, Indianapolis, will be our guest speaker. A special offering will be taken and Women's Day envelopes are available. Please see Mrs. Durfee or your group leader.

Men's Forum

The Men's Forum will be held Sunday evening, December 1st, at 6:15. Prof. J. M. Klock, Chairman, Office of the Ohio War History Commission, Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio has been secured as guest speaker. He will talk on the subject "Selective Service and Compulsory Military Training".

Illness

Mr. Chester Follis is a patient in Lutheran Hospital where he is to undergo an operation. Mrs. B. W. Leversee is now convalescing at her home, 902 Nuttman. When we pray, let us remember our sick.



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SUNDAY IS WOMAN'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP—10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25. Mrs. Scott will preside at the organ.

Special Anthem by Choir—Miss Marjorie Sutton, directing.

Soloist: Emmitt Hatch. Speaker: Dr. Cleo Blackburn of Planner House, Indianapolis.

Dr. Blackburn has won national recognition for his outstanding work among the negro race. He was elected first citizen of Indianapolis. He was the only negro ever to have won that honor. He is a member of the Christian Church and a graduate of Southern Christian Institute, our school for negroes in the South.

CHURCH SCHOOL—9:30 A.M.

Keep Our Attendance on the Increase.

Thanksgiving offering is held over for convenience of classes and those unable to be present last Sunday. If you have not done so bring your offering this Sunday.

MEN'S FORUM 6:15 P.M.

Professor J. M. Klock, head of the department of history of Defiance College will be the guest speaker and will discuss "Selective Service and Compulsory Military Training." Professor Klock has degrees from Wayne University, Michigan University and Wisconsin University. For two years he was research mathematician for the U. S. Navy. L944045 he was chairman of the Speakers Bureau in Detroit for the organization opposing peace-time conscription. Professor Klock will speak on the negative side of the subject assigned.

Glenn Miller is in charge of special music and Owen Vaught will preside over group singing.

The president, Alexander M. Campbell, will preside.

CONGREGATION BUSINESS MEETING SUNDAY MORNING FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICE

After more than a year's work of study and exploration, the Expansion Committee, after bringing a report to the Official Board, will submit its report to the congregation, with recommendations. The members are urged to see the block of ground that lies between Calhoun and Harrison streets and between Maple Grove and Petit Street, just one block south of the Street Car Line on South Calhoun, before Sunday.

Thanks to our Colony Officers and Evangelism Committee.

Many people have been active in our church these days. And results have been forthcoming. In one week's visitation 18 chose First Christian as their church.

• MATERIAL AID

Material aid for the people of the Philippines has been provided by our churches so generously that 100 packing cases weighing over ten tons have been shipped to the Islands from Indianapolis. Such things as used clothing, medical supplies, hospital supplies and the like are still being received and shipments will be made from time to time.

Our churches have also responded in a most satisfactory way to the appeal for food packages for Europe through CARE.

Calls continue to come for aid for the people of these countries, especially some

parts of Europe, while in India, China, and other Oriental fields the need is urgent. The bounteous harvest in our land should provide generously for others as well as for ourselves.

Six and one-half tons of vegetables (4,200 quarts) were canned for relief by the Work Camp conducted on the campus of Hazel Green Academy in cooperation with the American Friends Service Commission and the Laboratory High School of Chicago University. The vegetables were grown on the Hazel Green farm. Students and workmen did the planting and cultivating until the Workcampers arrived in June.



INTRODUCING MUNGELI MISSION STATION

Mungeli is just one of our mission stations in India. Six of our 48 missionaries were stationed there last year, and with them served 38 nationals as evangelists, teachers, or medical workers.

The membership of the Christian Church in Mungeli and in two outstations is a total of 420. Evangelistic work is very strong in this area. The Bible women visit Hindu fairs where great crowds of pilgrims are gathered. Through pamphlets, Bibles, and Bible portions which they distribute, the gospel message has reached into many homes where the Christian workers could not have entered. Each morning one of the evangelists is at the hospital to help in morning prayers, and many times when the cooking fires are burning low in the evening, Christian songs can be heard here and there among the hospital patients.

The primary school at Mungeli is the model school of the district, receiving recognition last year from the government for its work. Enrollment increased from 154 to 171, greatly overcrowding the accommodations.

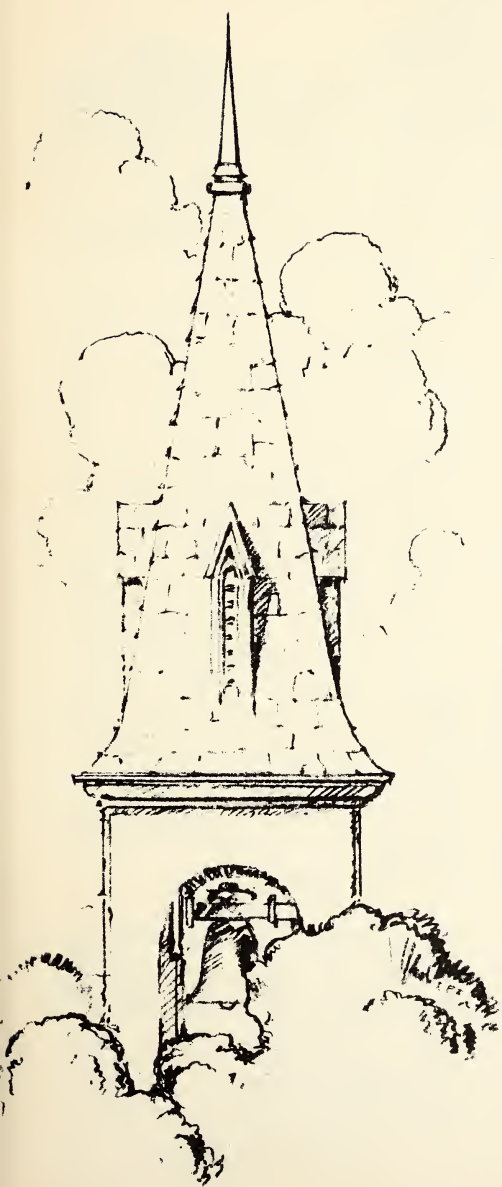
The Christian Hospital is known far and wide for its work, especially among the blind, of whom there are uncounted thousands in India.

A touring eye clinic reaches out into the villages and picks up many needy cases so poor and ignorant they will not come to the hospital for help. In a village 47 miles from Mungeli the eye clinic found a father with three children under ten years, all blind with congenital cataracts. Every possible inducement has not yet brought them to the hospital for treatment.

Hundreds of others do come, however, crowding every possible corner. One grateful patient last year gave money for an additional ward when he saw there were always twice as many patients as accommodations. Last year more than 83,000 treatments were given.



*“I love
Thy Church,
O God”*



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LUTIE SPELLS

Margot Austin has written an unusual child's book which she named "Lutie". It gives insight into human nature. Lutie was a little mountain boy. It came time to go to school. He didn't want to leave the old mountain. He didn't want to leave the familiar scenes. And so he "carried on."

He shouted, "A' going to carry on something powerfull A' going to make a dreadful scene." And Lutie did. There is a picture of him; his hair every which way. He is jumping high into the air, kicking and shouting and waving his arms.

Now there were the cat, the dog and the horse, who looked up to Lutie. As they watched him they agreed, "Yuss, sure is bad." The old cat shouted, "In all my nine old lives, I've never seen such a pity. I can't stand these here scenes at all. I'm a'goinn to run up the path a piece and climb me a tree."

We have all "seen sech a pity." When Hitler was screaming over the radio and having a "Lutie spell." He made Europe a pitiful place. In our life about us we see men screaming and carrying on something powerful. It sometimes creeps even into the church. When it does "it is sech a pity." Of course Hitler and all of them are acting childish. But it can do us harm. We are grateful, if like Lutie, they finally come to themselves as Lutie did, with himself calf and collected he took quite a "fancy to Schooling."

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The DORCAS Group will meet with Mrs. Dale Hiler, 2513 Miner St., Thursday, December 5, at 2:00 P.M. There will be a 25c gift exchange. Mothers are requested to bring a gift for their children. Members are asked to bring articles for the Bazaar.

The NAOMI Group will meet with Mrs. Jay McCarel, 611 W. Washington, Wednesday, December 4, at 2:00 P.M. Mrs. Louis Rhodes will be the assisting hostess. This is to be a Christmas Party and there will be a 25c gift exchange.

The RACHEL Group will meet with Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, 2326 S. Webster St., Tuesday, December 3. Mrs. F. H. Rogers will give the Devotions and Mrs. Irene Cline will have charge of the program.

The RUTH Group will meet with Mrs. Nellie Newland, 919 Webster St., Tuesday, December 3. The group will have a 25c Christmas gift exchange. Mrs. C. F. Durfee will tell the Christmas Story and Mrs. J. C. Koegel will give the devotions.

The MARTHA Group will have their semi-annual Birthday party at the Church Wednesday, December 4, at 1:00 P.M. Mrs. Owen Vaught will give the devotions.

Esther Gircle will meet with Mrs. Ansil Gaskill, 2214 Crescent Ave., Wednesday, December 4th at 2:15. Twenty-five cent gift exchange.

TURKEY SUPPER, CAFETERIA SUPPER BAZAAR

The Women's Council will put on a turkey supper, cafeteria supper and bazaar December 6, from 5 to 7 o'clock P.M. at the church. Please make your reservations for the turkey supper with Mrs. Leo Blair, H-50805. Tickets \$1.00.

WOMAN'S DAY

Sunday, December 1, is **Woman's Day**. Dr. Cleo Blackburn of Flanner House, Indianapolis, will be the speaker. Mr. Emmitt Hatch will bring the special solo. This is an important day in the life of the Church. The offering is sent to United Christian Missionary Society for our World work through Missions.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Harry Lomont, 1129 Fairfield Avenue in the passing away of her sister, Mrs. Charles Hutson, New Haven, Indiana.

ELDERS SERVING DURING DECEMBER

Dec. 1—Robert Clipp, John F. Davis
Dec. 8—H. G. Hiler, Alex M. Campbell
Dec. 15—W. C. Birkhold, J. F. Riethmiller
Dec. 22—A. O. Schell, Ray Barnett
Dec. 29—P. H. Somers, Dale Parkerson

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson are the proud parents of an 8 pound boy, James Allen, born Sunday, November 24, at Sherman Hospital, Room 410, Elgin, Ill.



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STRATEGIC LOCATION CHOSEN

At a called meeting of the congregation written complete report was presented by the Expansion Committee with the endorsement of Official Board. This report was approved by the congregation.

The new location of the future church is on South Calhoun on the highest point in the city of Fort Wayne. It comprises a whole city block and is 315x314 feet.

The Expansion Committee has been functioning since 1944, and has made many reports to the Official Board, prior to the congregational meeting.

This is a part of a well planned program which will extend over several years. Every step is being given most careful consideration.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Special Music by Choir

Sermon: "What Is God Trying To Do To America?"

Preacher: Our Pastor.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Plans are under way to develop a great program of religious education looking to the new opportunities ahead. Be in the Church School This Sunday.

WELCOME TO THE NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Harold Redman, Lake O. Parrish, Herbert Schreen, Mrs. Luna Otterman, Miss Donna Watson, Raymond Baskin, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith, Mrs. Amy Shawhan, Mrs. James Reynolds, Miss Margaret Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Corbin, Mrs. A. E. Weitz, Robert Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Dickson, Miss Adoria Waters, Merle J. Long, Mrs. Lois Pifher, John Wm. Broom, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Buchanan, Nellie Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ripple, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bell, Mrs. J. V. Lacefield, Mr. and Mrs. Verl Pribble, Mrs. Edna B. Clark, Jack Horton and Bond Beasley.

PLEDGES ARE BEING INCREASED NEW PLEDGES ARE COMING IN

After thoughtful consideration some of our members are taking opportunity to increase their pledges and to make their donation to the building program. The table below will show how you may give more than the actual cost to you.

This paradox is due to the amount the Government allows us to deduct from our income tax for religious purposes. These tables were prepared by a Certified Public Accountant in one of the big concerns which specialize on income taxes. If possible make your gift before December 31.

FOR MIGRANT WORKERS

The U. S. Department of Agriculture estimates that from 700,000 to 1,500,000 persons (depending upon the season and on business conditions) constitute our army of nomadic agricultural workers.

They are single men and whole families. They are white Americans, Negroes, Spanish-Americans, Indians, Mexican nationals, and Jamaicans. They plant, harvest, and help process our food supply, beginning in the deep South and following the season northward.

Many of them live under the most primitive conditions—in tents, under a tarpaulin stretched from car or truck, or in abandoned sheds or stables. They are no longer rooted in their home communities and are essentially a drifting, homeless population, lacking in economic stability, educational

opportunities, health services, and religious ministry.

To meet the needs of this group, the Home Missions Council of North America in which all major church bodies unite, instituted some years ago a program of migrant work. During the past summer several Disciple young people had part in this program under the joint sponsorship of the Home Missions Council and The United Christian Missionary Society.

One group in a Michigan fruit area carried on a day nursery in a schoolhouse, organized Bible classes, operated a social center for the workers, and helped smooth out relationships with the growers, as well as carrying on religious services. They bathed seldom-washed children, provided noon lunches in the day nursery, held regular religious services, conducted communal sings, and even put out a fire!



TEN COMMANDMENTS OF GOOD WILL

- I. I will respect all men and women regardless of race and religion.
- II. I will protect and defend my neighbor and my neighbor's children against the ravages of racial or religious bigotry.
- III. I will exemplify in my own life the spirit of goodwill and understanding.
- IV. I will challenge the philosophy of racial superiority by whomsoever it may be proclaimed, whether they be kings, dictators or demagogues.
- V. I will not be misled by the lying propaganda of those who seek to set race against race or nation against nation.
- VI. I will refuse to support any organization that has for its purpose the spreading of anti-Semitism, anti-Catholicism, or anti-Protestantism.
- VII. I will establish comradeship with those who seek to exalt the spirit of love and reconciliation throughout the world.
- VIII. I will attribute to those who differ from me the same degree of sincerity that I claim for myself.
- IX. I will uphold the civil rights and religious liberties of all citizens and groups whether I agree with them or not.
- X. I will do more than live and let live—I will live and help live.

—Dr. Walter W. VanKirk

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Income After Personal Exemptions	Amount of Gift	Net Cost of Gift
\$ 2,000.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 243.00
4,000.00	600.00	474.60
6,000.00	900.00	677.70
8,000.00	1,200.00	858.00
10,000.00	1,500.00	1,015.50
12,000.00	1,800.00	1,150.20
14,000.00	2,100.00	1,246.90
16,000.00	2,400.00	1,343.60
18,000.00	2,700.00	1,437.45
20,000.00	3,000.00	1,518.00
22,000.00	3,300.00	1,581.45
24,000.00	3,600.00	1,627.80
26,000.00	3,900.00	1,714.05
28,000.00	4,200.00	1,788.90
30,000.00	4,500.00	1,863.75

OUR SYMPATHY

It comes as a shock to us, the passing of Brother Raymond Martin, who was one of our fine new members. Mr. Martin passed away Monday, December 2, and funeral services will be held at Columbia City, Thursday, December 5. Our sympathy goes out to this fine family.

Our sympathy also goes out to Mrs. Adam Ragan and her family in the passing of her aunt, Mrs. Walters. Mrs. Walters made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Ragan. She passed away last Friday and the funeral was held at Churubusco Sunday, December 1.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Bible Class will hold its Annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Lillian Scott, 1617 Edgewater Avenue, Friday, December 13. There will be a 25c Christmas Exchange.

EVENING GUILD

The December meeting of the Evening Guild will be held December 9, at 8:00 o'clock at the home of Miss Pearl Heidecker, 4001 Indiana. Devotions will be given by Mrs. Robert T. Beck. Mrs. Edwin Geerkin will present a Christmas Story. Mrs. C. F. Durfee will preside at the installation service at which time the following officers will assume

their duties for the new year: President, Mrs. Ruby Miller; Vice-Pres., Mrs. O. R. Kuhlman; Secretary, Miss Elsie Keith; Treasurer, Miss Ernie Owen.

TURKEY SUPPER AND CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Woman's Council is putting on their annual turkey supper and bazaar and cafeteria supper Friday, December 6, at the church from 5 to 7 P.M. Please get your reservations in early.

CHRISTMAS IN THE HOME

A booklet, Christmas in The Home, has been made available to you. This is a fine little book and will be a help to you during the Holiday Season. The price of this booklet is 50c.

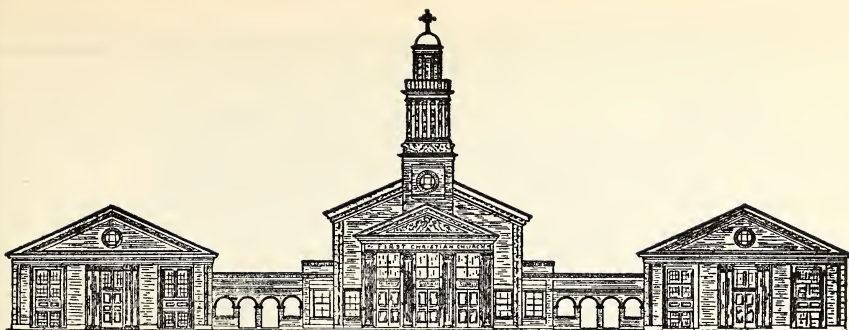
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And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I. — Genesis 46:2.

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Some trust in chariots, and some in horse; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God. — Psalm mans 15:7.

But when thou makest a feast, bid the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. — Luke 14:13.



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STRATEGIC LOCATION

The new location for the church is interesting geologically. The new church will be located on the water shed of Indiana and one of the water sheds of our nation. The water that falls South of the Church will flow into the Mississippi eventually. The water that falls North of the new Church will flow into the Saint Lawrence River eventually. This can be taken as a symbol of the spirit of our Church whose goodwill and Christian fellowship and helpfulness will flow both North and South to the ends of the earth.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: "The Miracle of Love or The Marks of A Great Church."

Special Music

Great Hymns of the Church for the congregation
will include Christmas Carols.

Organ Prelude — 10:25 A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

This year there will be "White Gifts For The King". Members of the classes are asked to bring food wrapped in white. These will be presented at the Christmas Party on Monday, December 23rd. Then they will be put into baskets and distributed where most needed.

If you know those in need please telephone names to the church office, if you know any in our church to whom a basket should go be sure to give this name to the office.

CHRISTMAS SEASON CALENDAR

Progressive Christmas PartyDecember 18th.

Come Double Christmas PartyDecember 20th.

Christmas SundayDecember 22nd.

Church School 3:30 A.M. Bring white gifts.

Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: "The Hopes and Fears of All The Years"

Blessing of Children11:30 A.M.

Youth Group6:30 P.M.

Candle Light Service7:30 P.M.

Old Fashioned Christmas party for Sunday School.....Monday, December 22rd

Christmas Tree — Treats for Children — Baskets Filled

Santa Claus for Children.

December 24th — Carolling parties by various groups.

• SOUNDS LIKE A BUSY PLACE

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Baker had been back on their Congo station, Mondombe, a matter of a few weeks when they wrote:

"Mondombe mission station is indeed a park, and looks especially beautiful at this moment. It has been well cared for. And we are again helping in its improvement. The two mission-trained masons have been cementing floors in our most recent school building, and have the foundations in for two duplex cottages for nurses and teachers. The walls of one of these is now rising. We are making bricks, getting in sand from the river during the dry season, and laboriously sawing planks and boards by hand from big logs supported over a pit. Our one trained carpenter is making new benches for the church, shelving for the hospital, offering boxes for the rural evangelists, and doing repairs to school desks and building."

At the same time, while Miss Hattie Mitchell and Miss Gertrude Shoemaker with the native pastor and teachers have been itinerating in the back country villages, Dr. Baker has visited all the rural dispensaries (5) and is making plans for opening some in new villages. At the hospital, sick folk are pouring in from all directions, now that the doctor is back. Operative cases come in faster than they can be cared for; there is much pulmonary

tuberculosis, and no X-ray; there are severely anemic patients, and no blood for transfusions; malaria and sleeping sickness are prevalent.

It does sound like a busy place, and the reports at the end of the year will show new Christians added to the church in many villages, increased enrollment in the schools, and thousands of persons treated for physical ills.



MISS VERNA SUTTON is the new executive secretary of home missions institutions in the Division of Home Missions of the United Christian Missionary Society.

Under her direction and administration are Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, and Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi — schools for Negro young people with senior and junior college ratings respectively; Mexican Christian Institute in San Antonio, Texas; All People's Christian Center, Los Angeles, California; and Yakima Indian Christian Mission, White Swan, Washington. The latter serves as a Christian home for Indian boys and girls while they attend public schools in a nearby town.



*When the harvest sheaves ingathered,
Fill thy barns with store,
To thy God and to thy brother
Give the more.*

*Share with him thy bread of blessing,
Sorrow's burden share;
When thy heart enfolds thy brother
God is there.*

—THEODORE C. WILLIAMS



**"Look on the fields
white unto harvest."**

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THE PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Class will have their annual Christmas party on Wednesday evening, December 18, at the Church. This will be a pot luck supper at 6:00 o'clock. There will be a 25c gift exchange and Santa Claus will be present. Parents are requested to bring gifts for their children.

1947 CHURCH ENVELOPES

The Church Offering envelopes will be ready next Sunday morning. You may get them from tables at the rear of the Sanctuary. They will be in alphabetical order. Please check your name.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Election of Officers will be held next Sunday morning, December 15th following the Worship service.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

We wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Wayne H. Imbody, 2048 S. Broadway on the birth of a daughter, Pauline Beatrice, December 7th, 1946 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 515. Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Imbody are the proud grandparents.

COME DOUBLE CLASS

The Come Double Class will have their monthly meeting Friday, December 20, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steadman Fountain, 4221 Oliver St., at 7:30 o'clock with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Miller, assisting. This will be a Christmas Party with a 25c gift exchange. Parents, please bring gifts for your children.

THANK YOU!

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all the women who helped to make the turkey supper and bazaar such a success. Especially, we wish to thank Mrs. Leo Blair and Mrs. Ernest

Ayers and their committees, and Mrs. C. F Ellison and her committee.

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EXCERPTS FROM LETTER FROM POSTMASTER:

"In the war-devastated countries many suffer privations through no fault of their own. They have no one to look to for help but prosperous, well-fed, well-clothed America. Or to speak more correctly, to those Americans who have a true Christian spirit. If we are to be worthy of the blessings God has bestowed upon us, then we should share it with those of his creatures who have been less favored. You can send by U. S. Mail once a week, 44 pounds to Holland, Belgium, Norway, and Denmark. 22 pounds to England and Russia. 11 pounds to France, Macedonia, Italy, and Germany, (American, British, and French Zones only). 11 pounds to Greece once every two weeks. At present most packages are going to Greece, Macedonia and Germany.

"Here is your opportunity to show that Christianity is more than a name, that it is world wide, and that we in America are worthy of the name of Christian in all that name implies. We can and should be our brother's keeper."

"God will surely continue to bless us if we show Him that we deserve it. Now is the time of all times. This is our opportunity to win the gratitude of Sufferers throughout the world and to make our Christmas, because of our giving to others, a happy one for us."

This name and address below was sent to us from The United Society. Anyone wishing to send parcels of food or clothing may do so by referring to the Postal regulations for Foreign countries, listed above.

M. Henri Cholet,
35 bis, rue Farrer
Coudekerque-Branche
NORD, Disciples of Christ



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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

What Questions Haunt This Christmas Season!

Will the exploitation of the atom make us all rich? If we put our minds to it could we get rid of all the dreadful misery and squalor there is in the world?

What sophistry can induce us to believe that cleverness and technical skill and goodness are one and the same? Jesus made us see that riches are deceitful. One might pile up much of the worldly store of riches and be a fool.

Christmas comes and speaks a deeper wisdom. Dreadful misery and squalor will be removed from the world in proportion as men learn the lesson of giving as taught in Bethlehem. There the family, a little babe, the heavenly host, and the star and the eternal God are seen in the first Christmas. Salvation comes not through getting, but through giving.

The scientific mind must be harnessed to a merciful heart. Everyone knows how to acquire a scientific spirit. One learns as he studies the great scientists as a student. We can acquire the spirit of the merciful heart as we enter into the spirit of Christmas, knowing that God so loved the world that he sent to us Jesus who is our divine Saviour.

May the hope that dawned in the first Christmas shine in your heart, may the peace of God of which the angels sang find fulfillment in you and may holy love that came to Bethlehem so many centuries ago fill your mind and being both now and forever more.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT TALMAGE BECK
AND MARTHA JEANNETTE.

THINKING OF JESUS AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Before He was born

Thousands of years before He came, the prophets said, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

"He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young."

At the time of His birth

The angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

When the aged Simeon saw the baby in the temple he said, "For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel."

Christmas 1946

The exquisite story of His birth so satisfies the yearning of our hearts for beauty, joy and loveliness that we celebrate as little children at a birthday party. But this year let it be different. We are grown up and the day must mean more than a day of festivity and feasting. Let us pledge ourselves to a personal commitment that will make us victors in our own lives, and a power to go out to all men with the promise of His light and glory that will be their salvation.

Prayer

Dear God, at this Christmas season, we offer ourselves completely to Thee. May the government of our lives be on His shoulders and may His peace prevail in us because we have good will to all men everywhere. We pray this through His wonderful name who is our counsel and the Prince of Peace. Amen.



The Nativity

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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude — 10:25 A.M.

Special Anthem

Christmas Carols — For the Congregation

Sermon: "The Hopes and Fears of All the Years" Minister

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Many Classes will bring their white gifts Sunday morning. Be sure to send in names of those who should receive baskets.

OFFERING WILL GO FOR OUR ORPHANAGES AND OLD PEOPLES' HOMES

CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE — 7:30 P.M.

This pre-Christmas service is full of meaning and beauty. Beautiful music; congregational responses; short meditation by pastor and lighting of candles.

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS PARTY

MONDAY — 7:30 P.M.

Bring your children to church Monday night—program—white gifts—Treats for children. Santa Claus in person. Beautiful Xmas Tree.

OUR BUILDING FUND STARTED WITH A GIFT OF \$2,000.00

In a letter commending the church in the acquisition of the new site, and commenting upon the fine outlook for our church as a rightful leader in our religious community, there was enclosed a check for \$2,000.00. THIS CAME WITHOUT SOLICITATION and before any program has been set up looking toward the solicitation of funds. NO PRESSURE WILL BE BROUGHT UPON ANY MEMBER OF THIS CHURCH FOR FUNDS. Our minister says that those who love the church will furnish the money to build the new church. "We ought to give until it makes us happy." Happiness is the test of our giving.

The church appreciates the generosity of this gift. This money will be placed in a separate fund that shall be set up to receive this and other gifts which may come, looking forward to the construction of a new building.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 1947

Trustee, Grant T. Munson; Elders, Owen O. Vaught, Joseph M. Fitch, Albert Egly, Hugh D. Rice; Deacons, C. F. Durfee, Earl Fusselman, Glenn R. Miller, F. E. Morrical, W. H. Imbody, J. E. Tracey, Kenneth Sefton, A. L. Gaskill, Vaughn Brickley, Cecil Rice, E. R. Baker; Deaconesses, Mrs. E. N. Schlatter and Mrs. Fred Wilson; Treasurer, Richard J. Rousseau; Financial Secretary and Assistants, Carter D. Palmer, Delmas Young, Herbert L. Schreen; Sunday School Superintendent and Assistants, Dale Parkerson, Lawrence S. Sentman; Church Clerk, Mrs. Owen Vaught. These officers represent one-third of the Official Board and will take office January 1, 1947.

COMMITTEES FOR MEN'S FORUM

Nominating Committee, Henry M. Flowers, Carter D. Palmer, Ray Barnett, Arthur W. Davis, Clayton Yoquelet, Joseph M. Fitch. Program Committee, Glenn Miller, Chairman.

Publicity Committee, Henry M. Flowers, Chairman; Delmas Young, Howard M. Horn, Owen Vaught, H. G. Hiler, Joseph W. Clark.

Dinner Committee, Preston H. Somers, Chairman.



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NEW YEAR'S GREETING

"In All Thy Ways acknowledge Him and He will direct Thy Paths."

It would be well to climb into a "prayer tower" this New Year's Day and take a quick look backward and a long, long look ahead.

The backward look will make us wise. Each year should mature us. For the most fortunate life is a short span. Sorrows, disappointments, sufferings, can be absorbed in a few great facts. "God never forgets his own", "Tribulations worketh patience, patience experience, experience hope." "All things work for good to them that love God."

In his book, "Back to Methuselah", George Bernard Shaw laments that we die before we know anything. We ought to have three hundred years on earth so that we might be able to learn something. But the way of our life is not so made. It makes life sacred to the thoughtful and makes for reverence toward our precious relationships at home, in the church and in our general intercourse with one another. As we look back is our lives expressing qualities of love, understanding, generosity and faith with the passing years.

As we look forward, all our fears and apprehensions can be absorbed in "The Lord is our Strength and Refuge." God is love. You may quietly determine that with the passing years, you will be better, finer, more generous. We can become a part of that integrating solvent that will enable you to be a part of a unifying force in your home, your community and in your church.

May 1947 be a blessed year filled with hope in your lives and in the life of our Church. A Happy New Year for 1947.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT TALMAGE BECK
AND MARTHA JEANNETTE.

My Thanksgiving

"Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift."

In these confused and difficult days most of us would put Christ at the center of our Thanksgiving, for Christ alone has the key to Life.

We are thankful for His method for the ordering of life on a world scale. His solution is world brotherhood and the experience of history clearly indicates that this is the key which alone can bring peace and good will among men.

Humanity has moved from the period when family fought family on through the patriarchal, tribal and national strifes to the present hour. Nation still fights nation but we realize now that we must accept Christ's proposal for universal brotherhood or perish. *"Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift."*

We are thankful for Jesus' proposal of fellowship among social groups. We are aware of heavy social quarreling today. This may represent lack of faith in God's ability to provide enough for all, or it may represent unadulterated selfishness. In either case it means stark tragedy. The fellowship proposal of Jesus is the only key which will make it possible for groups, large and small, to live together in understanding harmony.

We are thankful for Jesus' proposal for victorious individual living. There are three methods by which men live. One is by instinct. Instincts uncontrolled mean disaster. Some men live by conscience, but conscience uninstructed could destroy us. We need a guide to direct conscience and divine help to live by it. Some men live through Christ. He says, "No man cometh to the Father but by me;" and no man in any generation under any sky ever found the final answer to victorious individual living except through Christ. Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift in furnishing us the key to abundant personal living.

Grateful as we are for the multitudinous forms of unwearying beauty with which the heavenly Father fills the universe; thankful as we are for His unfailing gifts of physical sustenance, at this season of the year our hearts go out in unbounded gratitude for His unspeakable gift in sending His Son who gives us the key which unlocks the mysteries of universal brotherhood, of fellowship among social groups, and of victorious individual living.

—H. B. McCormick



Come Ye Thankful
People, Come

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New Year Sunday Services10:30 A. M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A. M.

Special Music By Choir

Great Hymns for the congregation

Sermon: Looking Ahead.

Our Pastor will preach.

Splendid Congregation filled our Sanctuary last Sunday. Make this last Sunday of the year a real experience in our church.

Church School 9:30 A. M.

Our children have had a great time during this Christmas period. End the year right. **Bring your Children with you.** That is the way to go to the church school.

IT IS GROWING

Christmas Gift to Church

\$2000. Gift to Building Fund

We are pleased to announce a gift of \$2000 on the new building program. The donor says this gift is a starter and is to apply on the purchase of the new location. This gift makes a total of over \$4000 that has been given to the Church. Several other gifts are coming in weekly donations.

This giving is rather remarkable as no definite program has been started to survey the potentialities of our church for the great opportunity that lies ahead. This is suggestive. Before the end of the year others may wish to join these fine donors.

PRAYER FOR THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR

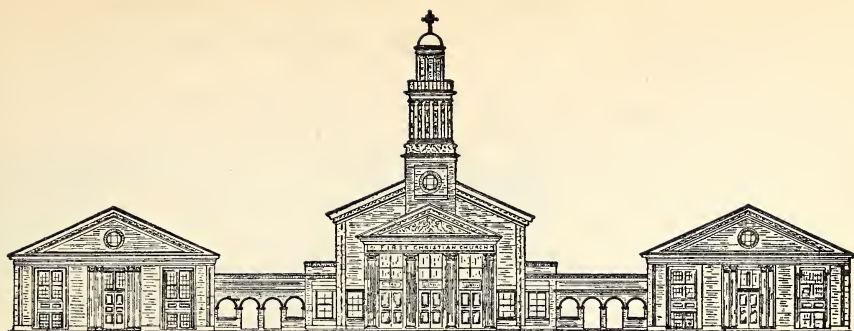
God who gave us the gift of Christ, and the joy of Christmas, make real his presence in these hours of the dying year. May the sense of his eternal power, the joys of his salvation, and the unsearchable riches he bestows, give us courage as we face the New Year. Help us to redeem the time, for we, too, are in days that are evil, and we would know and share the overcoming power of good. Amen.

FOR THE COMING YEAR

When the eminent Negro scientist died last year it was said of his birth only that he was born "about 1864". He was born in slavery, and like the Master Christ, whom he loved and served, the exact date of his birth was unknown. We celebrate two birthdays of Jesus—Christmas and New Year's, for ostensibly the years are reckoned from the birth of Christ. We need have no worry over the errors and uncertainties of history; the great fact is that Jesus was born, and his life is written over all the pages of human life. The week between the ostensible birthdays of the Master is naturally a week of intense meditation concerning his coming and his mission, and his unchanging character and purpose in the transitoriness of time. It is Christmas that in its aftermath gives us our deepest comfort in the dying year, and our noblest thoughts and aspirations—our inspirations, too—for the coming year. —Selected

ILLNESS

Miss Susan Sigrist has recently under-gone a tonsilectomy. Mrs. Wm. Hilbish and Mrs. J. C. Koegel are ill at their homes. Mrs. B. W. Leversee is slowly convalescing. Tommy Campbell, son of Alexander Campbell is confined to his home with pneumonia. Mrs. Charles T. Paul has been returned to her home, 1215 E. Columbia Ave., where she is slowly recovering.



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STRATEGIC LOCATION

To be located between Calhoun and Harrison, is to be situated on two of the oldest and most important thoroughfares in Fort Wayne. It will be easy to direct strangers to our new church. Hotel clerks and gasoline station attendants can give short and concise directions to those desiring to attend church services. These two thoroughfares are not only well known streets but are beautiful streets as they approach this beautiful city block which is between two and three acres in size.

LIBERAL GIVING

That our members are being inspired by the great program that lies ahead is seen in the gifts that are coming in without solicitation. A gift of \$500. marked as preliminary gift. A gift of \$50. was received. A pledge of \$1.25 per week was also received. There are other pledges that are to come in by the week. EVERYONE CAN SHARE IN THE FORWARD LOOKING PROGRAM. "ACCORDING AS THE LORD HAS BLESSED YOU, SO LET EACH ONE GIVE." Around \$4600. is now in Expansion Fund Treasury.

SUNDAY'S SERVICES

Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: Finding The Right Kind of Religion

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Anthem by Choir

Good congregation last Sunday in spite of ice and snow. Come this Sunday.

Service of Consecration for the new officers for 1947

Church School 9:30 A.M.

Six large baskets delivered locally on day before Christmas; Large number of gifts sent to Emily Flynn Home. Every child a treat for Christmas; gifts for Cleveland Christian Home; Over Hundred Dollars to go from the Church School for benevolent work. These mark some of our Christmas efforts.

Our teachers have done splendidly with our children. We appreciate their faithfulness and the faithfulness of all our officers and teachers.

This Sunday our superintendent, Dale Parkerson, and our assistant superintendent, Lawrence Sentmen begin their new administration. Encourage them by your presence this Sunday. Bring your children with you; that is the right way. Hugh Rice this Sunday begins his work as teacher of the Progressive Class. He is unusually talented as a teacher and is a newly elected elder in our church.

• *FOUR HUNDRED MISSIONARIES*

Mrs. M. Scarle Bates, Mrs. J. H. McCallum, Mrs. Lewis Smythe and two daughters, and Mr. George Cherryhomes were among the 400 missionaries to China and other Oriental fields who sailed from San Francisco on September 29 on a chartered ship. Disciples of Christ were thus represented by three missionary wives whose husbands have been in China for several months, and one new missionary whose wife will not sail until next year.

The city of San Francisco was thrilled to have this group of Christian workers of all denominations as guests while awaiting the settlement of the seaman's strike. The churches of the area entertained them at a tea, and later they gathered in the great auditorium where the statesmen of the world had met to consider the organization of the United Nations. More than four thousand people paid homage to this group of four hundred Christian missionaries in that meeting.



• *JAMAICA Y. P. CONFERENCE*

Jamaica may now be added to Puerto Rico, Mexico, China, and the Philippines as a Mission field to be served by our national office for young people's conferences.

Last summer, Mr. Lester McAllister, director of young people's work, visited Jamaica and while there helped to direct and taught in the first accredited young people's conference for the Island. Thirty-one young people attended. He also attended the annual conference of our churches in Jamaica and visited many of those churches, counselling with them on their youth work.



• *FORWARD!*

Leadership, materials, and guidance for local church leaders in various opportunities for training in Christian living are provided by the department of Christian

education of The United Christian Missionary Society.

For the summer months only of 1946, it is reported that in Junior Camps, Intermediate Camps, Young People's Conferences, Adult Conferences, and Laboratory Schools more than 23,000 persons were in attendance. They represented about 4,300 of our churches. In addition, approximately 250 of our young people and adults attended conferences and camps sponsored by the International Council of Religious Education.

In local churches, it is estimated that 1,500 vacation church schools were conducted, enrolling over 100,000 children for periods of two or three weeks in intensive Christian teaching.

For the rest of the year there is a continuous program of leadership training in local church schools for which materials are provided by the national department. There are Youth Meets led by state and national workers.

For the four-year effort of Disciples of Christ, "A Crusade for a Christian World," goals have been set looking toward the enrolling of 300,000 new members in the church schools, 225,000 decisions for Christ through the church schools, and 100,000 leaders in training.



• *REACHING CHILDREN*

Through a mobile library centered at Hazel Green Academy, Hazel Green, Kentucky, 1500 children's books are being circulated among the 41 rural schools in Wolfe County. A hand-wound victrola is also a part of the equipment and children's records of stories, songs, and games have brought a radiant response from the children who so infrequently have such pleasures.

A library of religious pictures is also available for loan to the schools this year.

For the children of Hazel Green, there is a Story Hour on Saturday mornings, and a Rhythm Band as a part of the program of the Academy as it seeks to minister to children of this isolated region.



*"O God, for men to preach, not empty creed and form,
But Christly words whose help shall reach
Poor souls in need, and prove for each
Thy anchor in a storm."*

Quoted in *Missionary Tidings*, December, 1898.

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MEN'S FORUM — Dinner 6:15 P.M.

This Sunday our committee on new officers will make their report. This is the last meeting for our first president, Alexander M. Campbell, to preside. **EVERY MAN IN THE CHURCH SHOULD BE PRESENT TO EXPRESS HIS APPRECIATION OF THE FINE MEETINGS WE HAVE HAD UNDER HIS ADMINISTRATION. MAKE NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT A MUST MEETING FOR YOU.**

Eric Olsen, head of the department of Aviation at the Wayne Pump Company, will be the speaker. His subject—"Lockheed's Newest Ship." Mr. Olsen, is a former newspaper man, having been a foreign correspondent. He is also an engineer of importance and note. During the war he was in charge of designing for service in The Lockheed plant. There will be special music.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Esther Group will meet with Mrs. Merl Teeters, 311 Elizabeth St., Wednesday, January 8, 1947.

The Martha Group will meet with Mrs. Edw. Kirby, 2650 Fox Avenue, January 9th, at 2:15 p.m. Mrs. Charles Dare will have the devotions.

The Naomi Group will meet with Mrs. John Leikauf, 1314 Marion Street, Wednesday, January 8.

The Dorcas Group will meet with Mrs. Dale Parkerson, 3216 Crescent Avenue, Thursday, January 9.

The Ruth Group will meet with Mrs. C. F. Durfee, 1018 College, Tuesday, January 7.

The Rachel Group will meet with Mrs. Irene Cline, 129 E. Lexington, Tuesday, January 7.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet Wednesday, January 8, at the church at 7:45 p.m.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the church is extended to Mrs. John Leikauf in the loss by death of her brother, Mr. Scott.

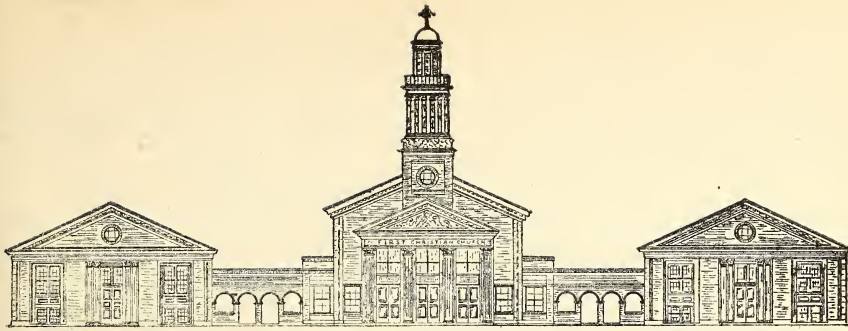
THANKS AND APPRECIATION

Literally hundreds of Christmas and New Years cards came to the home of our pastor. He wishes to take this opportunity to express appreciation for Mrs. Beck, Martha Jeannette and himself for the fine sentiments expressed in the greetings and the personal messages written by many. Such tokens tend to cement in affection the tender feelings that exist between the minister and his family and the dear people who make up our great congregation.

PHILEMON'S KINDNESS BASIS OF APPEAL

Philemon's past kindness to others is the basis of the appeal of Paul. Paul's confidence in Philemon's character and amenableness to the appeal of love made Paul waive his apostolic authority and appeal instead of command. Paul has authority to command, but he prefers to appeal to Philemon's sense of moral fitness and Christian conscience.

It is a sign of strength to entreat when we might enjoin, to argue from love rather than authority. The lightest wish breathed by lips of love is stronger than stern injunctions. The demoniac whom no chains could bind sits calmly at the feet of incarnate love. Authority is the weapon of the weak; love is the weapon of the strong. — In Watchman-Examiner.



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STRATEGIC LOCATION

The beautiful plot of ground upon which our fine new church is to be built is located on South Calhoun Street. Calhoun Street divides the city. From this street the numbers run east and west. Our new church will be two blocks west of where the super-highway is supposed to run and two blocks north of where State Roads Nos. 1 & 2 run through Fort Wayne to connect with the Super-Highway. Truly this is a strategic location.

OUR CONGREGATION IS INTERESTED

As new pledges come in it is gratifying to see that **many are raising their pledges for current expenses.** Even as gratifying is the increasing number who are adding **additional pledges to go toward the new church.** All this is occurring without any request from our New Building Committee. This shows that our people want a modern and adequate House of God to carry on our great work here.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Choir Processional 10:30 A.M.

Special Anthem by Choir—Duet by Miss Marjorie Sutton
and Mr. Owen Vaught

Sermon: Facing Hatred.

On one of the most slippery Sundays, we have ever seen, a fine congregation was present. Our people are faithful. Keep it up. We have this worship and Communion service only once a week. Do not miss these opportunities to renew our consecration in worship with the people of God.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Plans are under way to increase our efficiency as a church school. Our church school material is the best obtainable. Give your children the opportunities that our church school offers.

The adult department has a place for every adult. **Be Present This Sunday.**

Church School teachers will meet next Thursday at 6:00 P.M. at the Y.M.C.A. Get your tray and go to a room assigned to the Christian Church. The meeting will be over by 7:30 P.M.

• THE CHURCH GROWS

A new property has been rented in Wuhu by our China Mission for another preaching place in the east part of the city, where it is hoped a church may be established some day.

Although there are now six Protestant Churches in Wuhu, they are not distributed according to the population, so that approximately 110,000 people are in the vicinity of our Christian Church. It is hoped the new location will extend the service of the church into a new area, not now being reached with the gospel.

• THE CHURCH HEALS

Using gifts from the churches of the United States, sent to China through Church World Service, Christian medical and engineering groups have been fighting cholera, typhoid and other epidemic diseases in the Yellow River area where 10,000 coolies and engineers are working on a great new dyke.

This is a region long known as one of the famine and disease centers of ancient China. Throughout the work area, church people have been digging wells, inspecting,

disinfecting, and inoculating against disease. They have been treating 125 men per day in the clinics, and keeping the disease percentage to a minimum for China.

• THE CHURCH TRAINS

"These are momentous times in India, and significant social, political, and economic changes are taking place in the country. The nature of the new national government, the production of food for some 400,000,000 people, the industrialization of a country predominantly rural, the education of the masses—these are some of the tremendous problems confronting India's leaders.

"As a consequence, the Christian church faces opportunities unparalleled in her history in India. Her whole service is to help produce a leadership worthy of these great tasks, and to undergird the whole movement with the spirit of Christ . . . We at Leonard Theological College are grateful for the privilege of training Christian leaders for the new India."

—MARVIN H. HARPER,

Principal of Leonard Theological College, Jubbulpore, India.

THE CHURCH SHARES

The first year of joint church material aid to the countries of Europe and Asia, a total of 10,698,599 pounds of commodities were shipped—enough to load four trains of fifty boxcars each. The value is estimated at almost five million dollars.

Twenty-nine countries received consignments of these supplies. Dried milk, flour, and relief cereal went into regions where these foods were the margin of subsistence for a large population. Hospital dressings and medicines were sent to areas in which they could accomplish the most good.

Candles were sent for evening church services in Italy; anesthetic ether, penicillin ointment, seed grain, and about 15,000,000 vitamin tablets went to the Orient; approximately 1,500 food packages were distributed in Germany and Austria.

Other items were of a more permanent nature: kits of household linens for pastors' homes looted during the war; 1,000 cases of German-language Bibles for Christians in Germany; 120 bicycles for European pastors without means of transportation; recent periodicals and theological books for seminaries, schools, and church leaders; sewing machines for relief centers; farming tools and kitchen utensils; window glass for churches and missions in the Philippines.

All of this adds up to an astounding total of aid from the people of the churches of the United States to their needy fellowmen. But it is hoped that in the next year that total will be dwarfed by comparison, in view of the staggering need of less fortunate peoples of the world.



O let the nations be glad,

And sing for joy;

For thou shalt judge the peoples righteously,

And govern the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise thee, O God,

Let all the peoples praise Thee.

Psalms 67:4-5

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OBSERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

We have been informed that First Christian in Fort Wayne has not missed celebrating the Lord's Supper each week for 75 years. Our readers will be interested in the following information:

Park Avenue, through its predecessors Central Church and other congregations in New York City, has a unique record for the celebration of the Lord's Supper. We are all proud of that record—a weekly observance of this memorial to Our Lord, unbroken since the first observance in 1810.

Our little church in Copenhagen, Denmark, has another unique record in this regard. The Lord's Table was first spread in this group in 1876 and for seventy years the record has been unbroken. The testing time came during the recent occupation of Denmark by the Nazi forces. Not only was the table spread each first day of the week, it was kept spread every day of the week. Thus its silent testimony bore witness to the fact that the sanctuary in which the table was spread was a church. As a consequence the Nazi forces in no way molested our little church. It was spared even the theft of minor equipment and materials which was not the experience through which many other churches passed during these occupancy years.

Thus the Lord's Supper has proven to be a blessing in the long lives of congregations as it has in the lives of so many millions of His disciples.

—DISCIPLES OF CHRIST CONGREGATION
Copenhagen, Denmark

WORLD CALL

Mrs. Martin Wagner, 521 E. Masterson, H-68852 is the new World Call Secretary for 1947. Please call Mrs. Wagner when it is time for your present subscription to expire. Those who have not paid for their 1946 renewals or subscriptions, please call Mrs. Sigrist, H-78483.

LOYAL REAPERS CLASS

The Loyal Reapers Class will hold their regular class meeting at the home of Mrs. Tom Scott, 1314 Marion Street, Sunday afternoon, January 12, at 2:00 P.M.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Women's Council will entertain The Society for the Blind with an afternoon program on Wednesday, January 15th at 2:15 P.M. The Allen County Chorus will give a 20 minute musical and Mrs. H. G. Helmuth will bring a message in story. Refreshments will be served by the Social Committee and the Service Project Committee of the Council.

A SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT BY AN EMINENT AUTHORITY

You may quote me as follows:

Alcohol, while having a caloric food value, should not be classed among the foods because its property of yielding energy is not its dominant property and is overshadowed by the following important actions:

- (1) Its irritant local action.
- (2) Its destructive action upon the body tissues.
- (3) Its narcotic action.
- (4) The frequency with which it results in a vicious habit.

These dominant properties place alcohol among the powerful drugs and poisons, rather than among foods.

—(Signed) Walter A. Bastedo.



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STRATEGIC LOCATION

Though the plot of ground for our new church on South Calhoun is sizable, containing between two and three acres (it would be called a "small farm" in a suburban location), it is in easy access to water, electric lights, gas and sewage system. This is important in the construction of a modern church. If these modern necessities have to be brought any distance, it is quite expensive. Our committee choosing a new site for our future church were aware of these added values.

SUNDAY'S SERVICES

Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Choir Processional 10:30 A.M.

SERMON: **Changing One's Life**

Grand congregation last Sunday. We appreciate the large number who come on time. We have a thoughtful worship and Communion Service. You will be repaid for coming early. Excellent music gives a good atmosphere for our worship and meditation. Many guests were with us last Sunday. They liked our friendly church.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Judge Finley of Kendallville taught the "Come Double Class". He has a similar class in Kendellville. These two classes are in a friendly contest. John Davis taught the class at Kendallville, Sunday. Judge and Mrs. Finley were guests at our church service.

The Progressive Class had a large attendance Sunday with Hugh Rice as the teacher. Floyd Morrical is the president of this class.

The Children's House was well filled last Sunday.

We appreciate the interest and loyalty of our teachers and officers.

Under the superintendency of Dale Parkerson and Larry Sentmen a monthly meeting of the officers and teachers are being held this year.

**BRING YOUR CHILDREN WITH YOU TO THE CHURCH SCHOOL, THAT IS
THE RIGHT WAY.**

**High School Young People
6:00 P.M.**

• DID YOU KNOW THIS?

According to Dr. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland, "In the great struggle which has been going on in Europe, the church has gained a new prestige . . . In the chaotic situation of Europe today, where so many institutions have been wholly or partly destroyed, the churches represent one of the very few remaining coherent bodies which are ready for the reconstruction task."

Because of its defiance of "pagan philosophies" during the war, the Protestant church group in Italy, though but a small percentage of the population, exercises an influence out of all proportion to its size. Evangelical pastors were among the heroic leaders of resistance both to Fascism and Nazism, and they suffered many hardships.

Before the war, there was a strong Protestant group in Poland, although a minority group—500,000 Lutherans, and smaller groups of Baptists, Reformed, Methodists and Evangelicals. Thousands of their dead are still buried under the rubble of Warsaw; buildings are in ruins; congregations are scattered; pastors were killed or are the victims of concentration camps.

Under the World Council of Churches and through American relief agencies, relief in food and clothing is being given to as many people as possible, and efforts are being made to reestablish a leadership for the Protestant churches. But conditions are discouraging: there are no books—they were burned; ministerial students have not sufficient food and clothing, and no text books—they are trying to mimeograph them.

Nevertheless, these Protestant churches are standing fast in their faith and in their determination to build again strong congregations, and to render the best possible service to men and women in these days of suffering.

• "STOPS" FOR CHRIST

The S. S. OREGON proudly makes its way up the Tshuappa River in Congo, carrying missionaries to Monieka and Wema.

Because it is a wood-burning ship, there are very frequent "wood-stops" along the way for taking on fuel. Often these stops are just one or two houses, but one night the post is a real village. Seeing a large group of natives on the bank, the missionaries go ashore with their portable victrola and play some records for them, just for entertainment.

Then they send for Captain John and an impromptu service is held. After some hymns and a prayer, John preaches a short but eloquent sermon. The natives are very interested and attentive throughout the service. John asks if there are any Christians present—and there is not even one.



Lest I Should Drift

Keep Thou my heart
Lest I should drift away from Thee
When current sweeps so calmly on
And bears me gently on its bosom.

No fear have I lest I forget
When waves roll high,
And I am tossed in agony
On foamy caps,
Twixt earth and heaven.
Not then will I forget.

Forget Thee, Father?
Not when gladness fills my being,
And holds my heart in very ecstasy.
Enthralled thus my heart would break
Dids't Thou not share my joy.

But when the flow of waters,
Smooth and swift,
Comes down upon me,
Lifts me unheeding . . .
Then, keep my heart,
Lest I forget to turn to Thee
And lose myself for all eternity.

—Bertha Mason Fuller.



“Leave then thy burden, all thy
cares and fears;

Faith, hope, and love are thine,
for thou has prayed.”

—*John Davidson.*

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THE TRUSTEES ORGANIZE

At a meeting of the trustees of the Church, Sunday, officers were elected. Walter C. Birkhold was named president, Herman W. Sigrist, treasurer, Grant Munson, secretary. Money paid into the new building fund will be handled by these officers. All checks drawn on this fund will be countersigned by the treasurer and secretary. The utmost care will be exercised in handling this money and strictest records will be kept.

Pledges Continue To Come In

Far beyond the anticipations of the Expansion Committee, pledges continue to come into the building fund. Now that the church has great plans for the future, increased interest is shown throughout our membership. The committee is making careful and adequate plans. It is their desire to make this new construction period a time of high inspiration and spiritual uplift. They solicit the prayers of every member.

COMMUNION LINEN

Do any of our families have good dinner size napkins of linen which they no longer use and which they would be glad to give to the church to be used at the Communion Table for covering the Emblems. If so, please contact any one of the Deaconesses, Mrs. Ray Barnett, Chairman.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Woman's Council will not have an Executive this month. Committees wishing to meet may use the time from 1 to 2 p.m. The regular afternoon meeting will begin promptly at 2 p.m. Annual reports will be heard at this time, followed by reports for January. Mrs. John Davis from the Dorcas Group will give the devotions and Mrs. Fred Wilson from Ruth Group will have charge of the program. The meeting will be held Tuesday, January 21st.

ANNUAL MEETING — ATTENTION!

Officers, Secretaries, Treasurers and Superintendents of the Church and Church School organizations. Please have your reports of 1946 into the Church Office by Monday, January 20th. The Annual Meeting will be January 26.

HONOR ROLL

The Honor Roll consists of the names of those whose pledges were paid up by December 31:

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Anders, Mrs. Ruth Anderson, Martha Jeanette Beck, Mrs. L. J. Bedford, Mrs. George Barbier, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barnett, Mrs. Mary Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Berlien, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mrs. H. J. Bishop, Mrs. Georgia Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Broxon, Mrs. E. E. Buchanan, Mrs. Stella Burkhalter, Jack Brickley, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Badders, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Cahow, Mrs. Emma Carles, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carpenter, Miss Eunice Clark, Mrs. Wm. Coblenz, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Cole, Miss Emma Crabill, Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Cramer, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bell, Mrs. C. E. Cremer, James Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crouse, Mrs. Alma Beck, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Davis, Mrs. Rhoda Depottry, Mrs. Ella Diss, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Dilts, Miss Emma Dorris, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Drewett, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Dullaghan, Robert Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Campbell. (To be continued).



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STRATEGIC LOCATION

The large tract of land, which is to be the new home of The First Christian Church, is more than a good location geographically. There are no gulleys or rough places. It is a level tract of land. There are no buildings to be razed. It is ready at any time for construction engineers to begin excavation. This tract of land lends itself beautifully to landscaping. This is the proper setting for the beautiful structure which the First Christian Church is planning for their new home.

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY EVENING FAMILY NIGHT — CARRY-IN — DINNER 6:00 P.M.

Yearly Reports will be heard from all the organizations in our church..

FINE FELLOWSHIP — Social Committee, Woman Council, Hostesses

TALKIE MOVIE — Sponsored by the Come-Double Class

A Feature Movie, DR. CHRISTIAN, featured by the stars of movie land. This movie will be of interest to the children as well as the adults. ENJOY AN EVENING WITH YOUR CHURCH FRIENDS.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Choir Processional 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: Why The Church Does Not Die.

Special Music

Great Congregational Hymns

Our grand congregational entered heartily and reverently into our service last Sunday. Do not miss your church service this Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Beginning this Sunday Albert Egle, an elder in the church, will begin a class in EVANGELISM. This class is open to all who might be interested. The class will meet in the room off from the S. West corner of the Sanctuary.

ADDITIONAL GIFT

A check of \$50.00 was in the collection plate Sunday, designated for our new building. Without request these gifts are coming in. We have a great people. They are responding to a great vision. **God is blessing His Church.** These expressions and others are real inspirations.



HAZEL GREEN ACADEMY, HAZEL GREEN, KENTUCKY, founded in 1880 by Disciples of Christ when there were few schools of any kind in the Southern Mountains, has enrolled 96 students this year. Courses are planned to aid young people to enjoy a more abundant life through increased knowledge, better income, wider fellowship with their fellow men, and, above all, a better understanding of the ways of Christian living.



• A GOOD EXAMPLE

A chaplain, recently returned from Japan, brings this story:

When many thousands of Japanese were made homeless by the bombings, the Japanese Christians opened their small chapels—or such of them as were not destroyed completely—placed mats on the floors, and cared for large numbers of refugees. They set up charcoal burners in the back of the chapels for cooking the scant food rations.

At first the Buddhists and Shintoists were puzzled by the interest of the Christians in the housing shortage and refugee problem, but when they got the idea they quickly opened up their beautiful temples as sleeping quarters.



• A PRAYER FOR PEACE

O God, help us to *live* the thing we pray for. Help us to *create* the conditions we hope for: a world in which there shall be no war and its attendant evils of hunger and sickness and despair and death. Give us, by some miracle of Thy grace, the courage of our best convictions to be in all truth followers of Thy Son, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

—Mary Lediard Doan

EVENING IN INDIA

*Sunset 'mid clouds and monsoon winds,
Thirsting fields about are spread
Awaiting still the rain He sends.
"Give us, Lord, our daily bread."*

The rainy season has begun in India. Where a short time ago the ground was hot and bare with the summer's heat, to-day the grass is growing and the trees are in leaf. The farmers and their oxen are in the fields plowing and planting for a new harvest. Should the rains fail, the drought would soon be followed by an acute crisis in the limited food supply. Truly, we can understand how the early inhabitants of this country developed a worship of the god who sends the rain. For the very life of the people is tied in the rains.

—Dr. Kenneth B. Bonham





*He who would be greatest among you, let
him be servant of all.*

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CHURCH TO BE BENEFICIARY OF LEGACY OF \$10,000 AND MORE

Last Saturday we received word that the church has become the beneficiary in a will, from one of our members and a good friend of our church. The will states that the church is to receive \$10,000. After other bequests, the residue of the estate is to come to our church, which will be a considerable sum. These fine people say that in addition, they will do their share on the new building. We were included in the will because of the forward-looking program of our church. Only one of the legators, belongs to our church. **HAVE YOU INCLUDED YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL? IF YOU HAVE, YOU CAN GO ON PREACHING THE GOSPEL IN PERPETUA THROUGH THE YEARS.** Have you made your will? When you do, remember the church of our Lord and Saviour. Remember your church.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS PARTY

The Progressive Class is having a party Friday evening, January 31, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barnett and family, who are leaving soon for California to make their future home.

CONGRATULATIONS—ANOTHER PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Kim Elaine, born January 19, 1947 to Mr. and Mrs. Alva Chaney, 3707 South Wayne Avenue. Kindness good wishes to the parents and for Kim Elaine. Mrs. J. A. Lynn is the proud great-grandmother.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Richard Schrecongost, 2929 Lillie St. has recently undergone an operation at Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. J. A. Forshea, 1120 Michigan Ave., is to enter Lutheran Hospital this week.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

(of those whose pledges are paid to date)

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Clipp, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ehle, Mr. and Mrs. A. Egly, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ellison, Mrs. Ida Mae England, Mr. and Mrs. James Erwin, Mr. and Mrs. Don Eyer, Miss Anita Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fitch, Fitch Brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Flowers, Mrs. Josephine Fogle, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Follis, Wanda Follis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frame, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Frame, Mr. and Mrs. George Frost, Mrs. Nettie Funk, Mr. and Mrs. E. Fusselman, Bonnie Lou Fusselman, Mrs. Edwin Geerken, Miss Flora Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. N. Gorham, Mrs. Myrtle Gross, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Haddox, Miss Mildred Hartman, Miss Mabel Haynes, Mrs. Olga Heidecker, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Heller, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hilbish, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hiler, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hiler, Mrs. Anna Hirschy, Sally Hirschy, Mrs. F. Hobbs, Mrs. David Hogg, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hopkins, Miss Mildred Hutchinson. (To be continued).

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd

7:30 P. M.

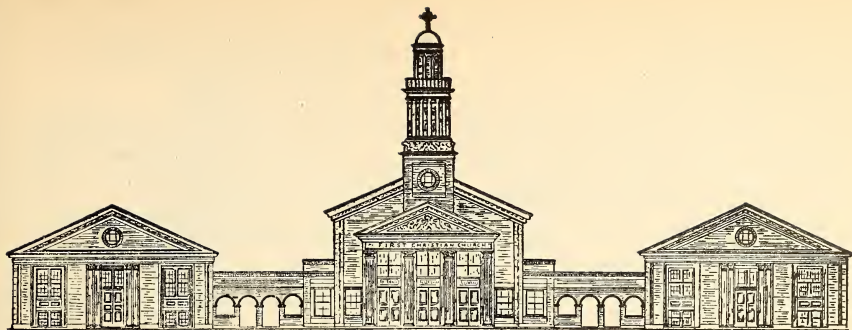
Mass meeting in First Christian Church for Associated Churches of Fort Wayne. Dr. Russell Dicks, author and authority on personal counselling will speak.

YOUNG WOMEN ORGANIZE

The High School young women have organized a sorority. The newly elected officers are Miss Mildren Martin, president, Miss Wanda Horn, vice-president, Miss Margaret Powers, secretary, Miss Betty Ragen, treasurer. This is a church sorority and is known as the G. O. L. D. It is open to young women who are members of friends of the First Christian Church.

HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE

History and Anniversary books are now available. There are a quantity yet unsold. These may be obtained at \$1.50 per copy. The Book is entitled "Seventy-Five Years of Christian Achievement".



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FEBRUARY IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

First Week — Membership to think Through their financial obligation to the local church.

Second Week — Thinking Through our personal obligation in service to the local Church.

February 16th - 23rd — Week of Compassion

Your finance committee composed of C. D. Palmer, Delmas Young, Richard Rousseau and H. L. Schreen, wish to make this year our greatest year in stewardship. At this writing new pledges and increases in pledges total an additional \$18.80 per week. Reductions through death, removals, etc., are more than absorbed in this additional giving. With the great program of expansion ahead, with increased responsibility of leadership that is coming to our church, we are asked to consider seriously that matter of each of us increasing our giving to the church this year. Living in such a world as the war has left to humanity, we are asked to consider seriously the matter of each of us increasing our giving to the be a great month for you in religious living.

SUNDAY'S SERVICES

Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Choir Processional 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: **Who are The Church Members?**

The quiet, reverent atmosphere of our worship service, the thoughtful attitude of the worshippers, the genuine friendliness of our members bring visitors back again to our services. We appreciate the way our membership comes on time. **By being on time** we experience the total conception of each worship service.

There will be special music by the choir.

Great Hymns for All of Us.

YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS THESE OPPORTUNITIES

The Church School — 9:30 A.M.

Excellent teachers — Fine participation of members — Modern lessons. Our adult department is on the increase—Bring the children with you. The Children's House is prepared for children from the nursery through the intermediate years. All other classes are in the main church building.

MASS MEETING — 7:30 P.M.

Dr. Russell Dicks, eminent psychologist, consultant, leader in his field, will speak to United Church congregation on "What Religion Means to Our Health." **DO NOT MISS THIS UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY.** He will conduct a clinic for the pastors of our city on Monday.

• THE CHURCH REACHING OUT

The first staff representative of the World Council of Churches to visit Romania and Bulgaria completed a tour of a month in those countries and returned to Geneva recently, having spoken to 25,000 young people. He spent seventeen days in Romania and fourteen in Bulgaria.

This was Robert Tobias who, with his wife, are supported in Europe by Disciples of Christ. They went to France in 1945 for work with the organization of youth known as CIMADE that has done such splendid work in behalf of refugees in France. Last summer he was transferred to Geneva at the request of the reconstruction department of the World Council of Churches.

• LEARNING UNDER DIFFICULTIES

It is the estimate of the Philippine government that 200,000 children and young people in the Islands cannot be accommodated in the schools this year, in spite of serious over-crowding in those which have been opened.

In Jamaica, at least fifty per cent of the population can neither read nor write. The school system provides elementary education for less than half the children of school age. There is no senior college in the Island.

In Europe, with many towns completely destroyed, people homeless, food almost a luxury, and practically no fuel to be had, young people find it difficult to adjust to the discipline of school life, even where schools are open.



• LOTUMBE STATION, CONGO MISSION

The Lotumbe station was established in 1911, high up on the Momboyo River, a tributary of the Congo. It is in an area where more than 100,000 people live and to serve them we have established 356 outstations, and trained native leadership to serve them. Still there are hundreds of villages without the teaching.

Several days' journey farther up the river from Lotumbe is Ifumo, one of the new stations which is being established.

The church membership in the Lotumbe area is 23,803, with 461 being baptized last year. There are 50 schools including those on the station and in the outstations, where 1,167 students are enrolled. As is the case with all the stations, most of the students are boys since girls in Congo are not given an education, generally. On the station, 26 young men are in training to serve as evangelists in the villages.

No doctor has been available for the Lotumbe Hospital for several years but the missionary nurse continues to conduct the dispensaries and the leper colony which

she established. More than 70,000 treatments were given last year, and in the leper colony are 92 patients.

National workers take their part in evangelistic, educational, and medical work and carry responsibilities far beyond what should be expected of those so new in the Christian life.





*Not by power, nor by might
but by my spirit, saith the Lord.*

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CALLING NAMES

"Name it and you can have it," is a formula not only for a game, but a formula that is often used to cast aspersion on a person or a program in an effort to discredit it. The unthoughtful are likely to repeat it and become a party to a pernicious and under cover effort. Think how some one may be discredited by calling him a capitalist, a communist. How often a serious effort may be discarded or put in disrepute by calling it propaganda. But we recall how Jesus was called a blasphemer. How good people were shocked when they were told by his enemies that he ate with sinners. He and his disciples were called men who stirred up dissension among the people. Now we know he was sincere and genuine, that he was progressive and godly, that He is our saviour. Will it always be that men will not see their saviour until they kill him.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The Associated Churches are sponsoring a School of Religion from February 4 to March 11, 6 Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. The Young people are especially urged to take these leadership courses. The School will be at the Plymouth Congregational Church and registration fee is \$1.50.

FRIENDLY BIBLE CLASS

The Class will meet with Mrs. J. M. Miller, 513 E. Taber Street, Friday, February 7, at 8 P.M.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. N. Gorham, 1526 Boone Street, Wednesday, February 5.

The Martha Circle will meet with Mrs. Wm. H. Badders, 130 W. Creighton Ave., Wednesday, February 5. Mrs. Flora Virts will assist the hostess. Mrs. Fred Hilker will review the book, "India, at the Threshold." This is Guest Day. Members are requested to bring their contribution for the box for Over-seas.

The Naomi Group will meet with Mrs. C. F. Ellison, 905 North Anthony, Wednesday, February 5, at 2:00 P.M. Mrs. Walter Nitz will assist.

The Dorcas Group will meet with Mrs. Clayton Yoquelet, 4206 Forest Hill, Thursday, February 6. Mrs. Robert Working will be assisting hostess.

The Ruth Group will meet with Mrs. J. C. Koegel, 1222 W. Jefferson St., Thursday, February 4.

ELDERS SERVING IN FEBRUARY

February 2, John F. Davis, H. G. Hiler.

February 9, Albert Egly, Joseph M. Fitch.

February 16, Ray Barnett, P. H. Somers.

February 23, Alex M. Campbell, Hugh D. Rice

DEACONS FOR FEBRUARY

Charles Young, Captain, A-56755; J. E. Tracey, J. W. Haffner, Paul E. Parson, Charles Kollman, R. J. Rousseau, Kenneth W. Sefton, Vaughn Brickley.

If unable to serve, please call your Captain or Chairman.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The regular meeting of the Official Board will meet Wednesday, February 5 at 7:45 P.M. at the Church.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Mrs. J. A. Forshea, 1120 Michigan Ave., is ill in room 273 Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Merland Heller, 3224 Broadway has been ill but is now recovering.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith, 1009 McKinnie, is ill.

Mrs. I. W. Ditton, 911 E. Wayne St., suffered a fall.



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February is Stewardship Month

February 9th-16th—Stewardship of Our Life

February 10th-23rd—Week of Compassion.

Last Week our membership was asked to consider their stewardship with regard to their money and their possessions. We were asked to step up our pledges to the church if possible. We were asked to co-operate in making our church 100% in its recorded giving.

This week as members of the First Christian Church we are asked to consider how much time we are giving to the church. This does not mean merely in worship services, for that is not giving that is receiving. How much time are you giving to help build the church, to prosper its work here in Fort Wayne. For Christ and His Church should be the aim of every Christian. You work at your job. Being a Christian is your job, too.

February 16th-23rd. During this week we shall determine what we shall do for the needy people in Europe. Ten dollars will keep a European family of four for three weeks. How many families will our church keep alive in Europe?

Sunday Services

Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Choir processional 10:30 A.M.

Come early for the full service.

Sermon: Do You Feel Insecure?

It was cold, very cold last Sunday. Many were in church. That is where we should be every Sunday. No matter the weather.

Church School 9:30 A.M.

Our children in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades are receiving week day religious education for one-half hour each week in the public schools. This is not enough, they need the additional education, which regular attendance, in the church school will give them.

Adults need the fellowship and the stimulation of our church school classes. Mr. Egley, teacher of the Men's Class, will bring the problem of "The Delinquent Adult" before his class Sunday. All men are cordially invited to attend this class, if not identified with another class in the church school. Back and support the officers and teachers by being present this Sunday.



YOU CAN HELP HIM

Childhood is the unfulfilled pledge for tomorrow's spiritual achievement. This pledge can be realized only if we save millions of lives this winter.

In China, Poland, Germany, India, Greece and other countries, the dregs of suffering are for those who survived the terrors of war only to face the greater dangers of progressive starvation and the cold bitter winter.

Each individual in the United States can and should have part in supplying food, clothing, and medicine for the hungry people of the world this winter.



• PRIZE FOR PEACE

Dr. John R. Mott, for more than fifty years active in the advancement of Christianity across the world, is the co-winner of the 1946 Nobel Peace Prize on the basis of his long service for international understanding.

Among the bodies he has helped to organize are: The National Council of the Y.M.C.A., the World's Council of Y.M.C.A., the Student Volunteer Movement, the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, the International Missionary Council, the Institute of Social and Religious Research, and the World Council of Churches—the last after his eightieth birthday.

During the first World War he organized and headed the National War Work Council of the Y.M.C.A., and their work among the allied armies and among prisoners of war; during the second war, he counseled with "Y" and mission services overseas and among prisoners of all nations.

• UNLEARNING A LANGUAGE

During the forty years in which Japan dominated the life of Korea, only Bibles and hymnals were permitted in the Korean language—all school books and other publications were in official Japanese.

It was, therefore, in the Christian churches and classes that the written language of old Korea was preserved. But millions of her younger people have never learned to write in Korean and know practically nothing concerning her notable and ancient literature.

Now Dr. Frank C. Laubach, world-renowned teacher of illiterates, and Dr. John Starr Kim, Korean educator, are working on a simplified chart to teach Koreans to read and write in their own language.



**"I need wide space within my heart
Where faith and I can go apart
And grow serene."**



THE CALL TO YOUTH

“Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto the land that I will show thee; . . . and I will bless thee, and be thou a blessing.”

—Genesis 12:1, 2

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The Men's Forum 6:15 P.M.

What should be our attitude toward the Jew and the Roman Catholic. This is a vital question for every church member. **Dr. N. L. Salom**, prominent doctor and surgeon, an active member of the Jewish synagogue and interested in the above problem, will be the guest speaker at the Forum this month. Our President, Joe Clark, will preside for the first time. We are urged to back up our president and be present for this excellent program.

BRING A GUEST WITH YOU, MEN!

Is Your Pastor Busy?

If you were operating a business and had 925 regular customs and many others whom you were to see but were not regular customers, I dare say you would be a busy person. In a way, that describes the situation of your pastor. But your pastor is never too busy to **see you**. Make an appointment. He is especially interested if you are troubled or worried. If a crisis has come your way, if there is sickness, sorrow, death and bereavement, he most sincerely wants you to call him. He is not only your pastor, he is a minister of God. He is the friend of all his people, and desires to be a good shepherd. Because of his experience, because he has no ulterior motive, because he is a man of prayer and your pastor, he can be trusted, he is sympathetic and sincere, he can be a real friend to you.

COME DOUBLE CLASS

The Come Double Class is having a Valentine Party, February 14 at 7:30. The party will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don J. Eyer, 2413 Strathmore Ave.

EVENING GUILD

The Evening Guild will meet with Miss Eracie Owen, 1323 E. Pontiac St. Monday evening, February 10. Miss Ethel Shroyer will give the devotions. Program: Cultural and Religious Background of the Peoples of India—Miss Leah Miller; Geographic Survey of Indiana by Miss Pearl Heidecker.

ILLNESS

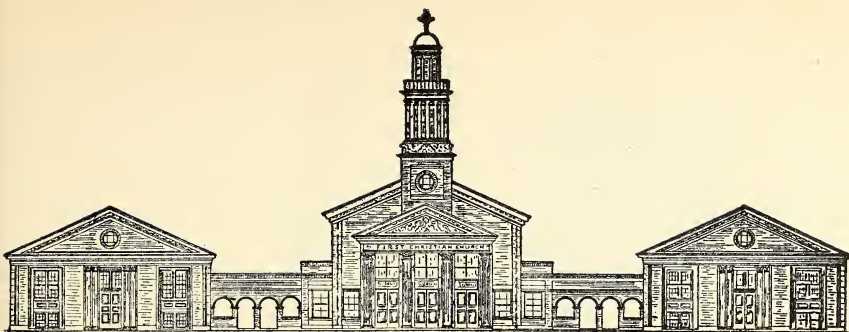
Karen Clark, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark was in the hospital; but has return home. She is doing nicely now. Robert Anderson is at home with the measles.

WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to Mrs. Olive Ray into our membership. She is a daughter of one of our ministers and a sister of Mrs. Walter Birkhold.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Horn, Rev. Richard Jones, Miss Elaine Jones, Miss Elsie Keith, Mrs. Ella King, Mr. and Mrs. John Juday, Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Kirby, Mrs. J. C. Koegel, Mrs. Cora Kover, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Krall, Charles Krick, V. C. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Mrs. Louise Lacy, Mrs. Josephine Lahmeyer, Miss Beatrice Lehman, Mrs. Niona Lehman, C. A. Lehneke, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Leversee, Miss Donna Leversee, Mrs. Harry Lomont, Mrs. Emily Lowman, Mrs. J. A. Lynn, Mrs. J. V. Lacefield, Mr. and Mrs. Byron McCammon, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCarel, Miss Louise McGuire, Miss Marguerite McGuire, Mrs. Daisy McIntyre, Miss Helen McLennan, Mrs. C. R. McMaken, Mr. and Mrs. C. Mannan, Mrs. E. T. Metcalf, Miss Lulu Michael, Mrs. J. L. Michael, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Miller, Mrs. Jessie and Miss Leah Miller Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller, Mrs. Ruby Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Moffitt, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Morkoetter, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Moser, Mrs. Eva Mosier, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Munson, Miss Dorothy Murphy, Mrs. Joseph Miller, Mrs. Cora Nowells. (To be continued).



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WEEK OF COMPASSION — FEBRUARY 16th-23rd

BROTHERHOOD DINNER — SUNDAY, 6:00 P.M.

Splendid Program has Been Arranged

Offering Will Be Received on Sunday, February 23rd. This will go to the hungry people of Europe. \$10.00 will keep an European family of four for three weeks. Keep this in mind as you prepare your offering.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Choir Processional 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: When It Happens To Me.

It isn't always easy to come to church—but it's worth it. One of our members drives many miles in his work each Sunday morning. It is a big effort, sometimes he is a trifle late, but he is most always there. Yes, it was very cold Sunday. One man past eighty was there, several past seventy—often we have one member past ninety years of age. And these men are good listeners, too. Children were there; families were there. Of course we have weather. But we have church also. On the First Day of the Week, just make it your schedule to be in church.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

The Education committee met last Monday. Plans are under way to develop our educational program. Right now we have a class that will fit your needs. Come to Sunday School this Sunday.

MEN'S FORUM, MARCH 2, 1947

The Men's Forum will have Ladies' Night, Sunday, March 2. Tickets will be on sale next Sunday. The President, Joe W. Clark, expects one hundred present.

• SERVING IN BILASPUR

Bilaspur is a city of Central Provinces, India. With eighty per cent of the people of the area living in villages of less than 500 population, Bilaspur has 25,000.

Here missionaries of Disciples of Christ came in 1885 with the gospel. Today there is a strong church with its national pastor and a well-organized program of services. Preaching is done in the surrounding villages by men and women evangelists under the supervision of missionaries. During certain weeks, each year, a camp is established for preaching in villages too far from the city for daily visits. The total church membership in the area is 736.

Also at Bilaspur is our Burgess Memorial School for girls, with middle and high school departments, the only high school for girls in a radius of two hundred miles. There are also primary schools, giving opportunity for an education to many boys and girls who otherwise would be among the great number of illiterates of India.

Our Jackman Memorial Hospital at Bilaspur gives approximately 100,000 treatments each year. At this hospital is our only nurses' training school in India, with 32 enrolled last year. Our graduates are found in many other mission and government institutions.

With preaching, teaching, and healing in the name of Christ, your missionaries seek to carry out the Great Commission.



• AID FOR JAPAN

The initial shipment of supplies sent to Japan by America's Protestant churches through Church World Service arrived in December, 1946, and was immediately distributed among the needy.

Those supplies totaled 466,000 pounds in weight and were valued at more than \$100,000. Included were quantities of dehydrated soups, canned foods, clothing,

salt, soap, vitamins, shoes. The largest single item was 136,000 pounds of powdered milk, a portion of which had been purchased with gifts from the Southern California Japanese-American relief committee. Another gift from Japanese-Americans in California was several tons of rice flour.

Mr. Y. Kawai, minister of welfare of the Japanese government, says: "This manifestation of good will on the part of the American people toward Japan comes as a bright ray of hope to us in these dark days . . . Kindly accept this expression of our hearty thanks for the generosity of your people."



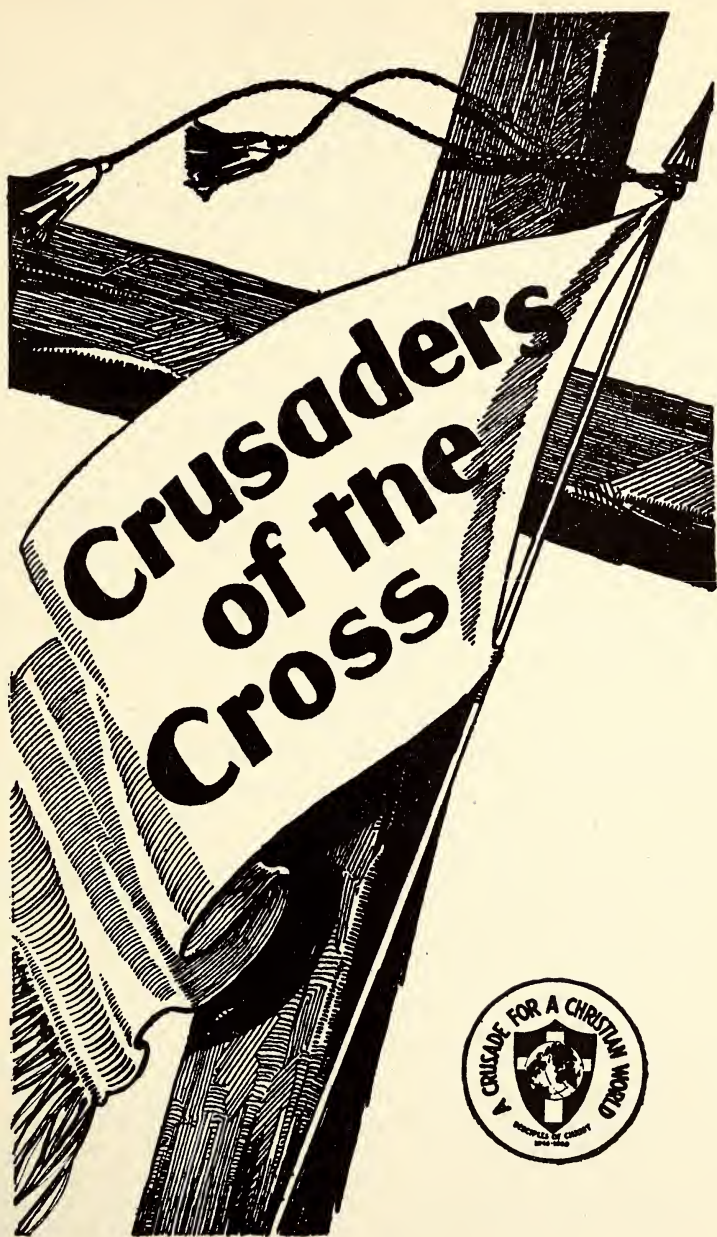
• AMERICA FOR CHRIST

Evangelism is on a rising tide throughout America. Not since the depression days of the early thirties has vital evangelism been so evident.

In our own churches, "Crusaders of the Cross" is a project for the enlistment of a minimum of 100,000 men, women and youth as personal evangelists in the local churches, each to win at least three persons to Christ each year during the Crusade.

Our Crusade goal of two million resident members for Disciples of Christ by 1950 can be achieved. It will necessitate 900,000 additions, and a much better program for holding those who are already on our rolls.





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DROPPED IN A QUARTER

"Old deacon Horner, he sat in a corner,
As the contribution plate passed by;
He said, "Should I oughter," and he dropped in a quarter,
And said, "What a good Churchman am I."

G. O. L. D.

The G. O. L. D. Sorority met last Tuesday evening in the home of the pastor. The program was presented by Miss Margaret Powers, following a brief business session over which the president, Miss Mildred Martin, presided. There was also a short pledge service. Refreshments were served following the program. Miss Wanda Horn will have charge of the program at the next monthly meeting.

SICK

Mrs. Robert Working is in the Methodist Hospital recovering from a major operation.

Mrs. Merland Heller is in the Lutheran Hospital for observation.

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parkerson in the death of Mrs. Parkerson's sister-in-law.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL

The Woman's Council will meet Tuesday, February 18, for their Executive at 1:30 p.m. the program will follow at 2:15 p.m. The Theme, An Indian Banquet. The program is in charge of the Naomi Circle. The Esther Circle has charge of devotions. There will be a five minute talk from World Call.

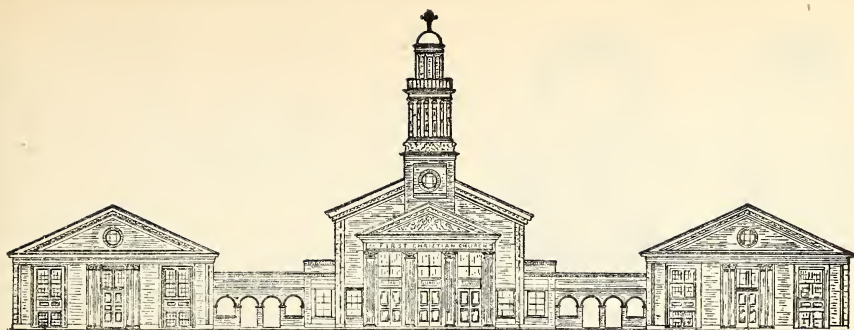
LOST AND FOUND

A pair of child's fur mittens. Please see Mrs. Vaught or call the office.

In looking over the congregation each Sunday morning, I've noticed many persons who seem to especially enjoy singing, and who should be good choir material. During the 75th anniversary of the church, each choir member bent every effort to bring in new members, and as a result we more than doubled the choir. Now, we need to **triple** the present number! So, if you're one of those persons who does enjoy singing, and would like to join our choir, come to rehearsal on Thursday night at 7:30. Since it's impossible to ask each one of you personally, we hope **you'll** let us know that you're interested. How about transplanting some of the good singers from the congregation to the choir loft, and help to make our choir what it should be!

Respectfully,

MARJORIE SUTTON.



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SUNDAY IS COMPASSION SUNDAY

The Chairman of our Board, the Chairman of our Elders and the Superintendent of our Church School will share in the Sunday morning worship service.

We are asked to remember that \$10. will keep a family of four alive for three weeks in Europe. We are asked to give generously for this great and pressing emergency that faces humanity of our day.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Please Note, Adult Classes are having especially interesting lessons this quarter. Parents are reminded that there will be a preparatory class for church membership for our boys and girls.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Choir Processional 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: — How Much Do You Care?

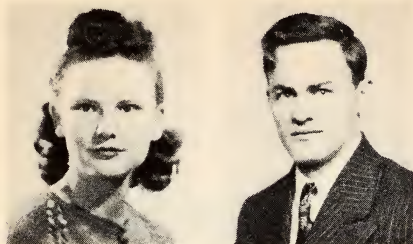
This Sunday as Compassion Sunday will be observed by our Brotherhood across our land. Be in your place this Sunday.

KEEPING LENT IN 1947 — Feb. 19th - April 6th.

THIS LENT MIGHT BE THE TURNING POINT. Keeping Lent carries promises of Christian greatness. It is a time for meditation, it is a time for spiritual exercises and discipline. But as we move into Lent it may end in futile exercises and we may be passively content. Christian faith is faith, not in just a theory of goodness or good living. Christian faith is faith in a living God. Real faith becomes a movement of the spirit that is the reason that the needy people in the world can believe in us. These starving millions who find shelter in the ruins of what used to be, who have insufficient clothing to keep warm, who are so weakened by under-nourishment and exposure that thousands are dying of diseases and epidemics, are turning their hopes to Christian people, and the Christian people will respond.

It is a great opportunity for the church here at home. Never have there been such great opportunities. More turned to the church last year than in decades before. We must be prepared to do our share.

We will keep Lent. **To each family a little self-denial box** has been sent. Put it on your table. It can be a real part of every day's religious worship for some member of the family to drop in a coin which represents some self denial he has made for Christ and His Church. These boxes may be brought on Maundy Thursday evening when we celebrate the Lord's Supper. **LET US KEEP LENT THIS YEAR.**



MR. AND MRS. LOUIS HARRIS arrived in Bolenge on October 10, 1946, to begin their services as missionaries with our Congo Mission. They were assigned to that station. On October 19 they left on the OREGON for a five-weeks trip in the villages with other missionaries.

But only the first day was spent on the OREGON. Then came canoes, bicycles, and footpaths. At their first location they set up housekeeping for a week. Here is their description of that first work:

"Our first ingathering was interesting. The day began at 5:30 A. M. with morning worship and a regular sermon. Each morning there were classes for the inquirers, and another sermon at night. The days were filled with sessions to receive the offerings, discuss problems of church administration, finance, backsliders, buildings, and schools. Marriage with its problems in connection with polygamy, the dowry, and inlaws, appears to be one of the biggest problems.

"At Bolenge Mongo we found the best school and church of all the villages visited. The singing was beautiful, but how we longed for an organ to teach the tunes correctly. One little song of welcome they sang the first day for all of us:

We welcome you to our village.

We praise God for bringing you to us.

We thank you for leaving your family to come to us.

Please keep on teaching us of Jesus to the end.

"Who could fail to be moved by such an appeal and by the joyful singing as large groups march to the little stream to follow their Lord in baptism."

● FAITH — PEACE

Fear, conflicting ideologies, distrust, selfish nationalism, vested interests, injustice, dictatorship, imperialism, and the sinfulness of the human heart have lifted gigantic barriers that stand like mountain ranges separating the nations, the classes, and the races.

That faith that can remove mountains—always important—is now imperative. But it must be a faith that manifests itself in works meet for repentance and in practices requisite to a creative and curative peace. . . .

The massing of force along the lines of tension may postpone war, but it will not create peace . . . Signing an occasional treaty is not enough. The maintenance of peace demands the setting up of the necessary agencies of government to bring power under control and to establish justice . . . The United Nations is such an agency, subject to improvements as are all human institutions, but capable of use in this critical hour.

Peace is a matter of facing of problems and of reaching solutions peacefully by the use of scientific means to enthrone moral law. Peace is dynamic, not static . . . Power must be brought under democratic control. Justice must be established by the democratic process.

—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam



O Lord, who knowest every need of mine,
Help me to bear each cross and not repine;
Grant me fresh courage every day,
Help me to do my work alway

Without complaint!

O Lord, Thou knowest well how dark the way,

Guide Thou my footsteps, lest they stray;
Give me fresh faith for every hour,
Lest I should ever doubt Thy power
And make complaint!

—Anonymous.

LET US WORK

Hear Thou, O God, our humble plea:

May peace with righteousness set free

Our hands and hearts; use us we ask

In toil with Christ at His high task

Of reaching, healing, building sure

A Brotherhood that will endure.

—J. B. Hunter



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MEN'S FORUM DINNER — SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd.

This dinner is put on by the men as the Forum Observers Ladies' Night. The number will of necessity be limited. Get your ticket early — 75c.

LOYAL REAPERS

The Loyal Reapers will hold their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Estella Binkley, 1006 Taylor Street, Friday, February 28. Miss Flora Gilmore will assist the hostess. There is to be an auction sale. Members, please bring articles for the sale.

THE DORCAS CIRCLE

The Dorcas Circle will have a booth on Barr Street Market on April 4. Colored Easter eggs, toys, etc., will be on sale. More about this event later.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Merland Heller is a patient in room 241, Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. E. R. Moser, 2816 Central Drive, is confined to her home with pleurisy.

Mrs. Fred Wilson is confined to home home by illness.

WE TURN TO THEE, O GOD

"Every Day A Prayer" is being used by a good number of our members. We have room for others. This group take time for spiritual meditation and take time to pray for special causes, particular needs, and individuals in distress. Would you like to hear about this? Get in touch with your pastor or communicate with the church office.

NO CAUSE MORE WORTHY!

I know of no cause more worthy of support than that which lends direction and encouragement to the orientation of youth to the underlying principles of our Christian Faith. That faith has formed the cornerstone upon which rests our national strength, standing unshaken and unshakable through the repetitious crises of war and peace. As the youth of today will assume responsibility for tomorrow, youth must understand, learn to live by and defend that great moral force.
—General Douglas MacArthur.

A KING IN OVERALLS

One day an old umbrella mender brought his skeleton frames and tinkering tools into the alley of my office. As he sat on a box in the sun, mending the broken and torn umbrella, I noticed that he seemed to take unusual pains, testing the cloth, carefully measuring, and strongly sewing the covers.

"You seem extra careful," I remarked.

"Yes," he said, working without looking up; "I try to do good work."

"Your customers would not know the difference until you were gone," I persisted.

"No, I suppose not."

"Do you expect to come back?"

"No."

"Then why are you so particular?"

"So that it will be easier for the other fellow—the next one who comes along," he answered simply.



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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

(WE WILL KEEP LENT THIS YEAR)

SUNDAY SERVICES

Morning Worship 10:30 A. M.

Organ Prelude 10:25—Special Music—Sermon—"Who Owns The Church?"

Church School — 9:30 A. M.

Men's Forum "Ladies' Night

Sunday 6:00 P. M.

Dinner will be prepared and served by the Men. Unusual Program

Toastmasters' Club—Plus.....Quartette—The Four Majors

Group Singing.....Joe Clark, president, presiding

Tickets 75c

Make your reservations at once

Result of Week of Compassion

The offering Sunday total \$440. Other gifts to come in before gift is sent on to Suffering People of Europe. If you have not made your gift, the offering can be made next Sunday. Thus far First Christian will feed 44 families for three weeks in devastated Europe.

THE REPORT OF THE EXPANSION COMMITTEE AS PRESENTED TO THE CONGREGATION

In order that all the members have full information as to the progress of the Expansion Committee, the report is being submitted in its entirety.

As Secretary of the Expansion Committee, I desire to read the following minutes of the first meeting of the Central Committee of the First Christian Church Expansion Program:

"Minutes of First Meeting of the Central Com-

mittee of the First Christian Church Expansion Program."

At 10:00 o'clock A.M. on December 12, 1944, a group of men from the congregation of the First Christian Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, met at the church for the purpose of discussing a possible program of expansion for the church. Present at the meeting were, Robert T. Beck, Pastor, A. O. Schell, Chairman of Board, Walter

Birkhold, Chairamn Trustees, Ray Barnett, Chairman, Elders, Herman W. Sigrist, Trustee, Calvin F. Durfee, Trustee, Grant T. Munson and Alexander M. Campbell.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Alex. Campbell. A general discussion followed as to the advisability of forming a Central Committee for the expansion of the church with particular respect to the physical plant.

The general discussion resulted in the unanimous conclusion that the present physical plant of our church was inadequate for the congregation at present and for the post-war period. That a general investigation be undertaken to determine the need for expansion of physical plant for adequate finance. It was generally agreed that any expansion undertaken must be on a sound financial basis.

It was further agreed by all in attendance that Chairman Schell appoint two members of the congregation to act as Chairman and Secretary of the Central Committee for the expansion program. He then appointed Walter C. Birkhold as Chairman and Alex. Campbell, secretary on the approval of the group assembled.

All present are to be members of the Central Committee for expansion and chairman Birkhold is to appoint additional members of his committee after an investigation before such a program proceeds. The meeting was prayerfully closed by Brother Beck.

Your committee has had many meetings since that first historic meeting two years ago this month and its members, along with other members of the Congregation and official family, have, from time to time, met to consider the development of a sound expansion program. For example, there follows excerpts of other meetings which illustrate the progress the Committee made from time to time:

Annual Meeting, January 1945:

A special Committee was appointed by the Chairman as follows: W. C. Birkhold, Chairman, Alex. M. Campbell, G. T. Munson, C. F. Durfee, Ray Barnett, H. W. Sigrist, Rev. R. T. Beck and A. O. Schell."

"July 11, 1945:

Mr. Schell, Chairman of Expansion Committee presented to the Board members a drawing of a proposed building. With better than \$12,000 pledged, it was thought that this was the time to begin talking up a building expansion program in real earnest. The committee requested permission of the Board to use this drawing in publicity to carry on this program for raising funds for a new church sometime in the near future. Mr. Davis made a motion that we use the existing outline of a church as a symbol

of our determination to carry forward our plans and these symbols are to be used by the Board the Trustees, and the Expansion Committee for whatever purposes necessary to promote this program. Mr. Birkhold seconded this motion."

In a well-rounded study of the problem of church expansion, we have considered (1) location, (2) methods of financing, (3) the future development and unfoldment of the Church in the Fort Wayne Area.

Out of the investigation and the discussion which your Committee has had, many prospective sites have been investigated and on September 11, 1946, the following action was taken by your committee:

"The Expansion Committee: Upon request for authority to go ahead with plans, Mr. H. G. Hiler made a motion that the Expansion Committee be empowered to secure an option on a site, secure a lease on present property and report back to the Board. Motion seconded by Glenn Miller. A written vote was taken and the vote was unanimous. No publicity was to be given this meeting and action."

Experts in planning, distinguished pastors from other communities including Dr. John Ray Ewers and Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones who spoke recently during our Seventy-fifth Anniversary, and Church leaders have advised your Committee that the Churches of the future should be out and away from the downtown section of our community. The reasons for this advice include: (1) parking problems, (2) congestion and noises at busy intersections, (3) potential danger to the lives of children attending our Sunday School and Church facilities, (4) future expansion, (5) commercial value of our present location, (6) funds derived from possible lease of present location to apply on a new structure located elsewhere.

Your Committee further feels that it would cost proportionately far more to improve and modernizing our present structure than it would to lease our present location and build elsewhere, for the following reasons: (1) Our present facilities are totally inadequate for an educational program, (2) Foundation inadequate to further build upon, (3) A new heating system is necessary and, in all, it is estimated that approximately \$100,000.00 would be required to modernize our present location and we would still have an old structure. We are advised that the last figure given to the church for modernizing this edifice was approximately \$75,000.00, which figure, according to our information, was received prior to the outbreak of the war.

Your Committee has made a thorough investigation of prospective sites on Fairfield Avenue at Pontiac; on Rudisill Blvd. in the area of the Bible Institute, on both sides of the boulevard; on Old Mill Road and at locations near the

end of Broadway. All of these locations eventually proved to be unavailable either because of price or legal difficulties or refusal of the owner to sell. Pursuant to the motion made by Mr. Hiler on Sept. 11, 1946, heretofore read, the Expansion Committee secured options on a site one block square on the west side of Calhoun street at Pettit Avenue. This location contains about three acres and pursuant to the authority vested in your committee, as heretofore stated, we have secured an option to purchase this site for \$25,300.00.

Your Committee has also conferred with prospective lessees for the present site at Fairfield Avenue and Jefferson Street and, although no leases have been entered into, it is the considered judgment of your committee that this present church site can be leased for a period of thirty (30) years for approximately \$82,000.00. It is understood that before the lessees acquire possession of this property that an adequate lease contract would be entered into providing for insurance and protection for the Church against damage, accidents, workmen's compensation and that at the end of the thirty years the Church would still own our present site. With moneys now pledged and promised and upon receipt of approximately \$82,000.00 for the lease of our present site, we would start off an Expansion program with a nest egg of approximately \$100,000.00.

The location of the Calhoun street site is about forty-four (44) feet higher than the sidewalk level of the Allen County Courthouse. It is in an "A" zoning area, where only single family dwellings, churches or schools may be built and is amply supplied with trolley coach service, utilities and sewers.

It is the considered judgment of your committee that this is the only available site in the City of Fort Wayne which can adequately be converted into a modern church edifice with adequate religious educational facilities where a well-rounded program for our men, women and children may be carried forward.

Your committee has had its eye on the future in the many conferences, investigations and meetings its members have held.

I now desire to read excerpts from our two most recent meetings:

"November 5, 1946: Mr. Birkhold—The Committee feels the best thing is to have an expert in to help raise the money, survey sites, secure one of the best architects. He requests the consent of the Board to go ahead."

"November 5, 1946: Mr. Campbell suggested that a motion should be passed by the Official Board authorizing the Expansion Committee to call in and confer with architects, builders, contractors, prospective purchasers or lessors, then

after we would decide on a certain deal we could proceed with the full knowledge of the Board and all concerned. It was suggested that the Expansion Committee be authorized to bring to the Board and the congregation complete plans. It was also suggested that a retainer fee be authorized for an architect, and to secure a lease, and to take an option on property. A motion was suggested that we appropriate \$300 to \$500 to the Expansion Committee for the purpose of securing an architect and taking up options. Mr. Parsons made a motion that the Expansion Committee be empowered to spend up to \$500.00 for furthering this Expansion Program which has been discussed. Seconded by J. M. Fitch. Motion carried."

"Special Meeting—November 27, 1946:

Mr. Campbell stated, as secretary of the Expansion Committee, and moved that the Official Board of the Church approve the selection of the site on Calhoun street as proposed by the Expansion Committee and approve the prospective leasing of the church corner. Seconded by Glenn Miller. Carried by vote 20-5."

Since January, 1944, our Congregation has taken into its membership 289 persons and we have added 89 since March 31, this year, 1946. All the evidence seems to point toward a progressive unfoldment of our church in this community in the days that lie ahead. Your Committee feels that we must either go forward or regress. As you already know, the Official Board of the Church has approved the selection of the site by your Expansion Committee and has approved the prospective leasing of our present corner.

Before closing, I should point out that it is difficult to obtain options but through the efforts of one of our most distinguished members and by and with the authority of the Board and Committee, we were able to option the Calhoun street site for 60 days at the figure heretofore stated. Your committee feels that we should take first things first and proceed with a decision first as to a prospective site and our present property. Questions of a new structure, architectural design, amount to be expended, method of financing, will be presented to the Official Board at the proper time and thence to the Congregation for their full understanding, appraisal and advice.

Therefore, under the authority empowered in us and for the purpose of presenting the matter four-square to the people of our church, I move you that the action of the Official Board of the First Christian Church approving the Selection of the Site on Calhoun Street, as proposed by the Expansion Committee, and Approval of the Prospective leasing of the Church Corner here be ratified by the membership of our congregation.

Further reports will be submitted from time to time.

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WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Naomi Group will meet with Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, 926 Lake, Wednesday, March 5, at 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Elmer Braun will assist the hostess.

The Esther Group will meet with Mrs. Howard Horn, 1810 W. Third St., Wednesday, March 5. Mrs. M. Teeters will give the devotions and Mrs. Gaskill is in charge of the program.

The Ruth Group has cancelled their meeting for March.

The Martha Group will meet with Mrs. Charles Dare, 115 E. Masterson, Wednesday, March 5. Mrs. Ray Woodhull will give the program and Mrs. W. L. Smith will have devotions.

The Dorcas Group will meet with Mrs. Bret Young, R.R. 8, Rekeweg Rd., Thursday, March 6.

The Rachel Group will meet with Mrs. Clyde Driver, 1913 McKee, Tuesday afternoon, March 4. Mrs. M. Wagner will have the devotions and Mrs. J. M. Miller is in charge of program. The Group is to have a White Elephant Sale. Each member is requested to bring a guest.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. Leo Blair, 221 No. Seminole Circle, Friday, March 7, at 8:00 p.m.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will hold their regular monthly meeting Wednesday, March 5 at 7:45 p.m. at the Church.

ATTENTION — WOMAN'S COUNCIL GROUPS

Regarding the Boxes to be sent to Europe: You are to take your article to be packed for Over-seas to your group meetings next week. Bring food or clothing that can be packed.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

The Men's Bible Class will meet with Mr. W. C. Birkhold, 4017 S. Fairfield, Friday evening, February 28.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mrs. J. C. Koegel in the death of her dear husband last Sunday evening.

EXPANDED DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The expanded development committee met for its first meeting on last Sunday afternoon. There was much interest. This large committee will be broken into smaller committees to study the needs, possibilities for our church in its educational, worship and fellowship on the new location. Others will go into the matter of construction of building and the development of the grounds of our new location. This group will be increased from time to time. The congregation will be fully informed as to any proposed development. There was much enthusiasm evident at this first meeting of the committee.



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Second Sunday In Lent

Sunday Services

Morning Worship 10:30 A. M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Choir Processional 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: Your Possibilities

We were gratified with the attendance through February and on the first Sunday in March. These Sundays have been rugged winter days, but our church worship services have been keeping their own and more. We appreciate the fact that so many of our people come on time.

Last Sunday's Evening Meeting

Congratulations to all who had any part in making Ladies' Night for our Men's Forum such a grand success. It was a complete sell-out. Our men proved they could cook and serve a wonderful meal. The program was excellent. And Joe Clark was in his prime as president of the Forum. C. F. Durfee took the honors for distributing the most tickets. Walter Birkhold handled the kitchen force to a perfection. Brother LaFave sustained his record as chef. Owen Vaught had everyone singing. The women are saying, "Do it again".

Church School
9:30 A.M.

Parents are requested to Note that there is a class on Church membership for children of Junior and Intermediate ages. This class will prepare your boy or girl to become a good member of the church. See that your child registers in this class. It meets in the Children's House. Mrs. Hogg is the teacher.

Come to church school this Sunday

Enlarged Development Council

Will meet at 3:00 P.M. — This Sunday

It is important that every member of this committee be present this Sunday afternoon. Many matters are to be discussed. The working committees are to be arranged. Mr. Shearer of Chicago is to be with us. DO NOT MISS This Meeting.

● FEAR

"Last week I was called into a home to see a man who had developed a paralysis of his throat. He was unable to talk but was still conscious enough to answer some questions by a nod or shake of the head. He had known that something was wrong in his throat for the last nine hours.

"On his hand there was a dark spot. He had given out the story that on the preceding day he had been bitten on the hand by an ant. The symptoms strongly suggested the bite of a Krait snake, and we began treatment on that basis. But the paralysis continued and in less than two hours respiration failed.

"Among Hindu villagers there is a strong fear of the snakes. If one should be bitten, he would refuse to blame the snake, or even to call its name, lest the snake's anger be aroused and the spell of the poison prove fatal.

"Such is religion in its cruder aspects of fear in the villages of India."

—DR. KENNETH W. BONHAM
Missionary



● ACHIEVEMENTS IN ADVANCE PROGRAM

Among our four churches in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the following have been achievements in a two-year advance program:

70 people have received leadership training credits;

Vacation church schools have been held in each church each summer;

A Laboratory School was held in our Colegiales Church with five denominations represented, and with ten students from the Union Seminary;

Three of the churches now have well-catalogued libraries of at least one hundred well chosen books.

Each church has had an evangelistic campaign each year, with altogether

nearly a hundred additions to the membership;

In stewardship education, 15 people have become tithers, more than half the members of the church contribute systematically, regular giving has doubled, and missionary giving much more than doubled;

21 young people have been sent to young people's conferences.



● SEEKING THE CHRISTIAN MISSION

Don Luis came into Aguascalientes, Mexico, with his sick wife, seeking our Hope Hospital. He did not know where to find the hospital, was afraid to ask. Coming from a very fanatical town where there is only one other Protestant, his experience had taught him to be careful.

So they walked the streets for hours, looking for the hospital or for one of the missionaries. Finally they saw the mission car on the street and summoned the courage to ask where the missionaries lived.

It is not easy to live in a town where it is dangerous to worship and serve God according to the dictates of your own conscience.



● CHRISTIAN LEADERS IN TRAINING

January saw the opening of the second year of the secondary school of the Disciples of Christ Mission in Oberlin, Jamaica. In the beginning class last year, ten students were enrolled. Now they become the second class, and another class is admitted.

Mr. Nimrod Townsend, a Jamaican, fresh from eleven years of schooling in the States, is assisting in the school and in the preaching.

In this school, the Mission sees its hope for a trained and educated leadership for the Christian movement in Jamaica for the future.



And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying: All power is given unto me in heaven, and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: And, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28:18-20.



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Article In Bethany Church School Guide

Our pastor has an article in the Bethany Church School Guide for March. His article is entitled ""Counseling The Christian Way"". This magazine is published by the Christian Board for the Religious Education Workers, for Church School Teachers and for Ministers.

Our Pastor, as a member of the national committee on the Christian Family, attended the meeting of this committee last week in Indianapolis at the Missions Building.

March 25th Youth Day for the Women's Council

Miss Edith Claire Walden, young missionary to India and former director of Youth Work for the State of Indiana and the present director will be the guest speakers at a special youth meeting which is being arranged by the Missionary Committee which is headed by Miss Leah Miller. THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH ARE REQUESTED TO KEEP THE EVENING OF THE 25th OPEN FOR THIS IMPORTANT AND INTERESTING PROGRAM. Mrs. Herman Sigrist is president of the Women's Council.

Elders Serving in March

March 9—Dale Parkerson and Harry G. Hiler.

March 16—John F. Davis and Joseph M. Fitch.

March 23—Albert Egly and Owen O. Vaught.

March 30—Ray Barnett and Hugh D. Rice.

Deacons for March

Clay Orchard, Captain, Joe W. Clark, Assistant Captain, Martin Kimble, Grant T. Munson, Dempsey Weaver, W. H. Imbody, Cecil Rice, R. J. Richard.

(If unable to serve, please call your Captain)

Ushers

Ushers who have been chosen to serve during 1947 are: Edward M. Smith, Lake O. Parrish, Robert E. Working, Charles Fuchshuber, Robert Rayl, Edward M. Dullaghan, Robert Cobbs, J. Fred Smell, Paul Whitton, Harold Martin, Robert Truelove, Ansel Hirschy, William Dickson, Clarence F. Ellison and Paul Yentes. Clayton Yoquet is chairman of Ushers.

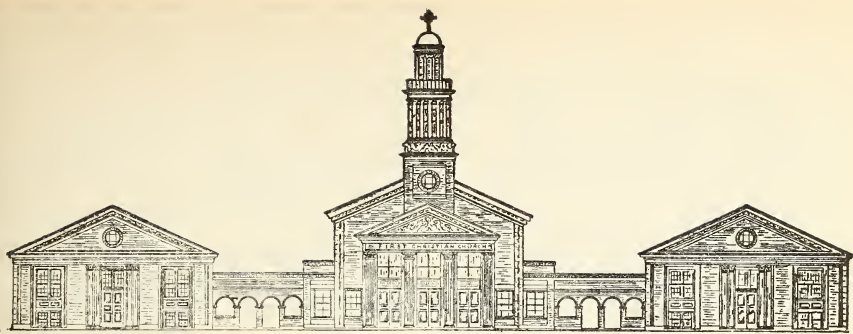
Week of Compassion

The total offering for the Week of Compassion is \$452.14. This is a fine record for our Church and it will do much good for those in War torn Europe and Asia.

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THE OPTION OF EMPHASIS—Perhaps the most important factor in every life situation is the option of emphasis. Certainly it is the ever present, immediately available, human resource one may use to determine whether any given situation is helpful or harmful, beneficent or malevolent. Any given set of facts are what they are. They may be subject to change, or they may be stubbornly unalterable. But the interpretation of those facts is invariably the prerogative of the individual confronting them. And the interpretation largely depends upon which aspect of the facts one chooses to emphasize. If you are given a rose you may be delighted or irritated: it depends upon what you emphasize—the fragrant flower or the prickly thorns. Stress the things that irritate you and you make yourself miserable. Play up the things that please you and the situation becomes pleasurable. Or if all the factors are disagreeable, rejoice in your ability to handle them agreeably.

—The Meeting House



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Choir Processional 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: When God Helps You.

Preacher: Our Pastor

LENTEN READING

Every member should have a copy of the Hearthstone to use during Lent. For the children there is the book, *Thoughts of God at Easter Time*. Our efficient and capable librarian, Miss Ethel Shroyer recommends the following books from our Church Library.

Fiske, G. D., **Study of Jesus' Own Religion**

Study of the religion of Jesus, the religion he lived, demonstrated, and taught. The author wishes to discover what makes Christianity Christian.

Jones, E. S., **Abundant Living.**

Devotional reading. The material extremely varied. There are excerpts from Luther, Calvin, George Fox, John Wesley, Thomas and Alexander Campbell, modern missionaries and ministers, leaders of social reform, as well as works of great Hebrew Prophets and early Christians.

Jones, M. A., **Small Rain.**

Selections from the Bible. The book is designed to give the small a sense of security in his spiritual heritage.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

The Church School solicits the attendance of all members and church families. There is a place for everyone.

"FORWARD IN 47"

Action taken by the Official Board and The Expansion Committee becomes evident these next few weeks, as we unite in a project of utmost importance to the First Christian Church. Campaign Headquarters have been established in the Church office and preliminary work is well under way. We are moving **"Forward in 47!"**

THE RIGHTEOUS TRUST IN GOD

When Robert Morrison, a missionary, was going to China to begin his work there, a business man of New York City addressed him thus, "And so, Mr. Morrison, you really expect that you will make an impression on the idolatry of the great Chinese Empire?" "No, Sir," said Morrison, "I expect God will." And Morrison was proven to be correct. Hear your pastor discuss this Sunday, "When God Helps You."



● THEY LOOK TO US

They look to us for aid—the hungry, the sick of India, numbered in the millions.

"A steady stream of unlimited supplies" is the description of the need this year as given by Lynn A. Blickenstaff, director of relief in India for the Famine Relief Committee of the National Christian Council and Church World Service.

Whole milk in powdered form is most desperately needed. Vitamins, cod liver oil, food concentrates, are also on the list.

Who can look upon the well-fed, happy, healthy children of America without doing his best to give these blessings to all children of the world?

● CHURCHES AID

The Red Cross is running a powdered milk feeding station in our church this winter. Every day about 250 children are given milk. This is accompanied by a medical examination, and an opportunity to learn to read if they are not in school.

You who are in the churches in America have done far more than just being a part of the general help. The project of sending used clothing has been a decidedly helpful one which is deeply appreciated. But your greatest contribution has been in the large gifts for relief and rehabilitation. Because of that special fund we are now able to carry on.

—EDNA W. GISH, *Missionary*
Nanking, China

● THE DIFFERENCE

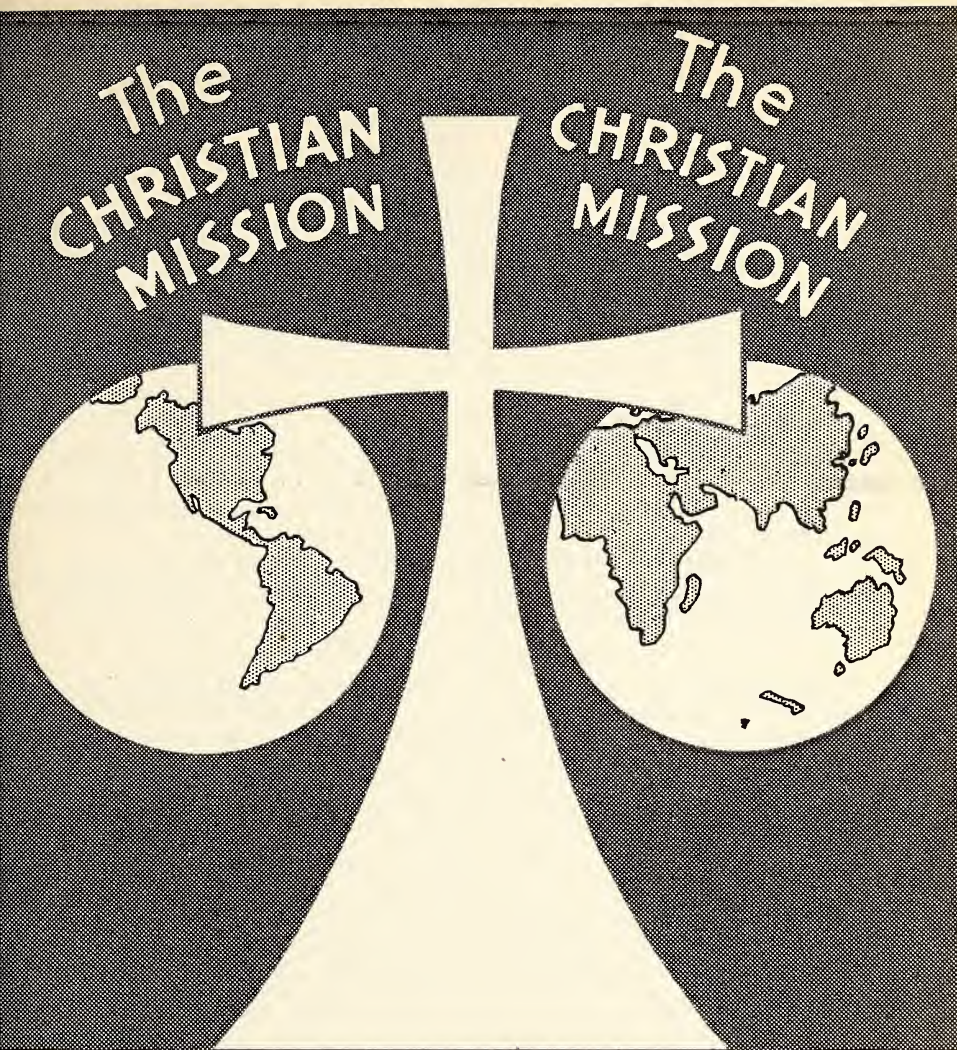
"I keep being reminded of the people back home who say, 'Hinduism is good enough for the Indians.' I wish such people could see the results of Hinduism here.

"Take one example. We believe that man was given dominion over birds and beasts. The Hindu believes that all life is sacred, animal as well as human. As a result, we raise animals and chickens for our use and food. We improve the breed and learn more efficient ways of using them. In India, they worship monkeys and cows. Millions of crows, monkeys, and worthless cows eat food and destroy crops for which people are starving. But they can't be killed! One of our missionaries nearly caused a riot here by killing some monkeys which were eating up his garden.

"Indian cows give practically no milk. They can't be eaten, and are good only for draft animals. Yet they eat as much as good cows would eat. And you can't improve the breed so long as they wander freely.

"The terrible suppression and degradation of the lower castes and outcastes, based on religious beliefs, cannot be changed until Hinduism is changed. No one who has seen (and smelled) the evils of untouchability, who has seen the worthless sadhus (holy men), and the destruction wrought by millions of useless animals—all defended by Hinduism—and who has seen the change in the lives of Indians who have become Christians, can doubt the need of Christianity."

—WILLIAM D. HALL,
Missionary in India



P R A Y E R

"Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in Prayer."

—JOSEPH SCRIVEN

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COME DOUBLE

Will entertain the "Golden Circle" of Kendallville

Our Come Double Class will entertain on April 11th the "Golden Circle Class" of Kendallville. A good program is being arranged including a lot of fun, a dinner. Our Pastor will also speak on the subject, "Turning Defeat Into Victory."

"Come Double," invites all young married people to affiliate themselves with this class.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Paul Whitton underwent a major operation in the Lutheran Hospital. She is getting along very nicely at this writing. She is in room 414.

Mrs. Karl Trease has been confined to her home for a few days.

Walter C. Birkhold is confined to his home with a touch of the influenza.

Mrs. Merland Heller is slowly improving.

DEDICATION OF PURPOSE

A few years ago Eastman, the world's greatest manufacturer of cameras, walked into his spacious office and took his own life. Behind him he left a note to this effect: All my life I have worked to accumulate a large fortune. I have reached my goal; I see nothing to live for.

Eastman had worked the greater part of a lifetime for a goal and then found that his goal had not been high enough. He, like all others, needed to discover that all the money in the world cannot take the place of a worthy purpose, and that wealth is pleasureless unless it is shared with others.

As Christians, Jesus has given to us an adequate purpose. The Great Commission summed up the task entrusted to the eleven disciples by our Lord. It was given seriously and accepted faithfully. The responsibility for carrying it forward to completion was committed to the disciples of succeeding centuries and now it has become our task. It constitutes the sole business of the church. No wonder these words have been called "The Great Commission."

—Unified Promotion.

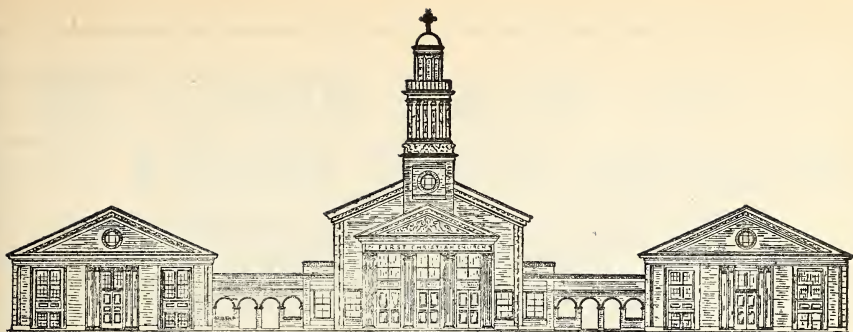
NOTES

Our Pastor is one of 60 leaders of Disciples of Christ who have been called to Washington, D. C., for a three-day planning and study conference on the issues affecting world order. This is in conjunction with Crusade for a Christian World. The churches of Washington City will be hosts to these leaders. This conference and study is being held this week.

Mrs. John C. Koegel wishes to take this opportunity to express her sincere gratitude for the lovely flowers, the many calls and cards received from friends, also, she especially wishes to thank Rev. Beck for his comforting words to her and her family in their recent sorrow.

MARCH 25

This is a big day on the program of the Woman's Council. Miss Edith Clare Walden, recently returned Missionary from Indiana and Miss Ellen Jane Miller, new state secretary of Youth Work will be our guests on that day. The Guild will have charge of the program. The Martha Circle will give the devotions. Please keep this date in mind.



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WORSHIP SERVICE — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: How God Helps You.

Preacher: Our Pastor

Organ Prelude: 10:25 A.M.

Choir Processional: 10:30 A.M.

Special Music:

9:30 A. M. CHURCH SCHOOL

The Adult Classes are exhibiting a great interest these days. As we near the observance of Palm Sunday and Easter, the church can expect a renewal of effort and interest in the work of the church school and the church program.

FIRST CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S COUNCIL

Hostess to

Young People of The Church

and to Groups from other Churches

Tuesday Evening, March 25th at eight o'clock.

The Men are also invited.

Miss Edith Clare Walden, former state secretary of Young People's Organizations in Indiana, is to be the guest speaker. In July, 1940, Miss Walden, after doing graduate study in Vanderbilt University and Kennedy School of Missions, sailed for India. She is now on her first furlough and will bring down to the minute information from her personal contacts in that great country of India.

Miss Jane Ellen Miller, present state secretary of Young People's Missionary Organizations will also appear on the program, and will speak on the subject, "Youth in Missions."

Mrs. Charles Dare of the Martha Circle will have the devotions. The program is being sponsored by the Evening Guild Circle. Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, president of the Council, will preside. Special music will also be a feature of the program. Miss Leath Miller is chairman of the Missionary Committee. Mrs. Owen O. Vaught is chairman of the Program Committee. Young Women of G. O. L. D. will usher.

TOWARD A GREATER FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Campaign organization proceeds in our financial program as Committees, Divisions and Teams are being formed. Please say "yes" when you are asked to serve in this united effort that will mean so much in the history of our church. Responsibility of leadership is the destiny of First Christian, and we shall be adequately prepared to meet it. Training Conferences for all campaign workers are scheduled for Wednesday and Friday evenings next week.

• WE COULDN'T TURN THEM AWAY

From Jackman Memorial Christian Hospital, Bilaspur, India, comes this word:

With the increase in the cost of living, we are finding more and more cases of malnutrition and starvation. A few months ago a man came to us with two little children, six and three years of age. He said, "Their mother died and I have cared for them just as long as I can. If you don't take them, I shall throw them in a ditch."

We couldn't turn them away. The feet of the smaller one were swollen, her face puffy. She was a most pathetic looking child. It took many injections and much medicine, milk and as much food as she could digest, to make up for the months of neglect.

Now she and her sister are at Sumankhetan Girls' School, a part of the nursery class being cared for by the older girls in the home nursing classes.

• MANY MOUTHS TO FEED

With the war over, and faculty members and students back on their home campuses after years of exile, the agricultural colleges in China are once more bending their energies toward improving the nation's main business — agriculture and the feeding of her 416,000,000 people.

Since China is 75 per cent agricultural the task of rural reconstruction is one of her urgent problems. Christian colleges pioneered in applying scientific knowledge to China's agriculture, and they continue to do experimental work in plant breeding, horticulture, and animal improvement.

Christian colleges have introduced the development, multiplication and distribution of improved seeds; have taught better methods of cultivation, harvesting, and marketing; have modernized farm implements; have taught the farmer how to fight the rice borer, cotton aphid, and other pests; have improved economic management through cooperatives; and have educated rural workers and conducted extension work among rural people.



"I WAS HUNGRY"

Among the villages of central Mexico, where our Mission is serving, people are desperately poor. Rainfall is often not sufficient to assure even the staple crops of beans and corn for the year's needs. Tools for working the land are those of their ancestors, for the most part; life is hard and hope is small.

The continual motivation of the work of our Mission is to aid the people to a more adequate basis for sustaining life, while presenting Christ as the center of life.

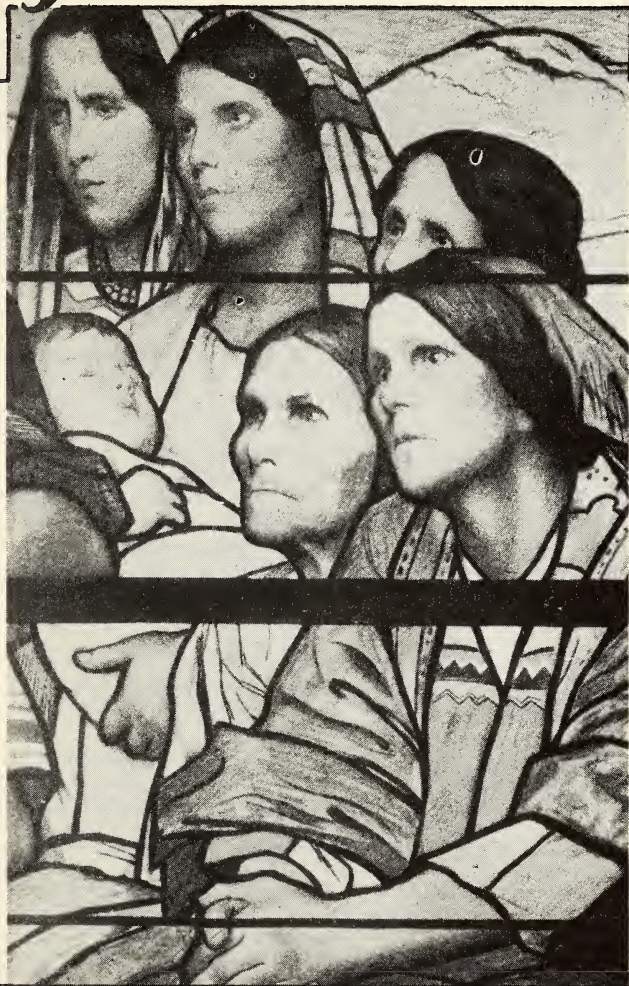
In the little church in Tenayuca in Zacatecas, the pastor has worked hard to start a bee industry. From the crop last year, the first six pounds of honey were sold, repaying the money advanced for the first hive. Such an industry could be not only a financial aid for the people, but would add to a scanty diet.

At Los Haro improvement has been made in the goat herds through the introduction of blooded stock, the results being an increase in the milk supply and larger animals.

In Cosio, last spring Mr. Paul Kepple divided 25 baby chicks with two farmers in an effort to introduce better care and feeding of poultry to secure larger egg production and more food. One man lost all his chickens by failing to have them vaccinated. The other has raised his, but they are still far from laying. Mr. Kepple's nine are laying from six to nine eggs daily and have been for more than a month. The ranchers are becoming convinced that good care and feeding will secure better results.

It is hard to preach Christ to people who are hungry; and to show the "life abundant" to those who are desperately poor.

If you care — you will share!



*"It never was loving that emptied a heart;
nor giving that emptied a purse."*

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WOMAN'S COUNCIL

Clothing for Overseas boxes should be at the church by April 2.

The Woman's Council Executive will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 25. The program will be at 8:00 p.m. Miss Edith Clare Walden, recently returned from India will be the guest speaker. Miss Ellen Jane Miller will also be a guest speaker, giving an introductory talk on "Youth in Missions". The men of the church are especially invited to come. Invitations have gone out to other churches in the community. Let us every one come next Tuesday night and make First Christian 100 per cent in attendance.

ILLNESS

Mr. Wayne Imbody, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody, has recently undergone an operation in Veterans Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana.

IN SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sympathy to Mrs. C. R. Sargent and Mrs. Josephine Fogel and grandson, in the loss of husband and father and grandfather, Mr. C. P. Sargent.

ATTENTION — WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Project Committee, Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Chairman, is sponsoring a meeting at Westinghouse WGL Radio Station, Tuesday, April 8. The program begins promptly at 12:30 p.m. Following the program a dessert luncheon will be served. Mrs. Leo Miller is in charge of the refreshments. Price 50c.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The two great conventions of Disciples which will meet in Buffalo in the summer have challenging themes. The International theme is, "Every Christian a Crusader". The World theme is, "Christ for the World". They tie together in a fine way.

The International Convention of Disciples of Christ is the oldest and most widely recognized gathering of Disciples. The convention has been meeting since 1849. It is conducted jointly by Disciples of Canada and the United States.

"AGENT FOR JESUS CHRIST"

An outstanding business executive told me the other day that his firm was paying an efficiency expert one hundred dollars a day to lecture to its employees. "And preacher," he said, "the man sounds like an undercover agent for Jesus Christ."

Well, it's good to have psychiatrists teaching us to pray, policemen lecturing on the communities responsibility for little children, and efficiency experts proclaiming the virtues of brotherhood. It is good because these are lay evangelists spreading the Spirit of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Christianity will make a tremendous impact upon our communities under their auspices.

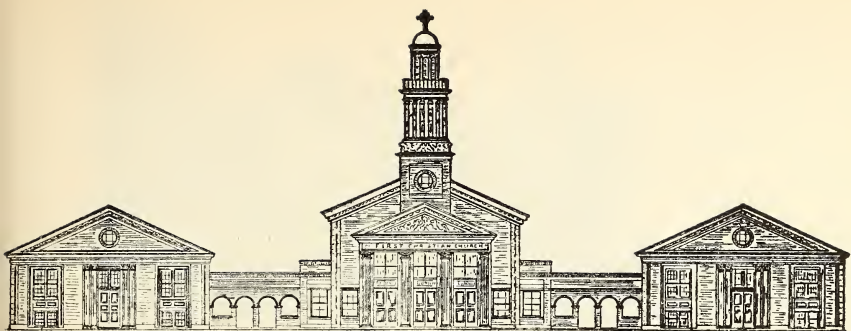
But it would be a lot better if we as average men and women would throw off our false pride and admit that our souls hunger for the Bread of Life. We do not betray anyone but ourselves when we take a sick soul to a physician,—a guilty conscience to a psychologist. These are religious problems. We ought to face them honestly and seek the answers openly through the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. If we would do so these able counsellors would not need to tease us into peace of mind. We would achieve that noble estate in the normal ministrations of our Christian faith.

The Apostle Paul once said "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes."

The healthiest and happiest people on earth share that conviction. It is an honest answer to their souls' needs.

I. W. Langston,

—Forward Park Avenue Christian Church.



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KEEP HOLY WEEK THIS YEAR

Palm Sunday



March 30th, 1947

Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.

SERMON

Putting One's Religion Where It Counts

This Sunday our service will be marked by beautiful music.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M. "The Palms" by Faure. Suitable anthem by the choir.

Great hymns for all of us. Hear your minister's message for Palm Sunday.

Come early.

New Members will be received at this service.

Church School 9:30 A.M.

The youth class for church membership will have its concluding session this Sunday. All who have been in this class are urged to be present this Sunday.

Sacrificial Program 8:00 P.M.

A beautiful service has been arranged for this first night in Holy Week. Every member of the church is invited.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Each day at noon services will be held in the Paramount Theatre.

Dr. Wildman, president of DePauw University, is to be the guest speaker.

Our pastor will offer prayer at the Monday noon service.

GOOD FRIDAY THREE HOUR SERVICE

Your pastor will give the last address at the Paramount Theatre on the last words of our Master on the Cross "Into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit".



MEXICAN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE, San Antonio, Texas, since 1913 has been doing active Christian service in a community where opportunities and advantages are at a minimum. Its varied program influences the lives of thousands of children and their parents. Each year approximately a thousand families are reached by some phase of the institute program.



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DAMOH SERVES THE COMMUNITY

For many years, this station of our India Mission has been well known in our churches because of the boys' school which originated from the orphanage after the famine years at the first of this century. Today the enrollment of the boarding school includes some who are orphans, but more for whom parents or other relatives can pay a small part of the expense. Training in agriculture is a part of the curriculum. Christian training has always been a strong feature. Last year a chapel was completed, having been built with special gifts from friends of the school. As the boys sit on the floor in their accustomed style, they face a lighted picture of "Christ Before the Doctors."

Our primary and middle schools in Damoh enrolled a total of 166 students last year.

The church at Damoh reports a membership of 265, in the city and the outstations. Bible women give particular attention in the city to low caste women, and work in outlying villages never stops. Evangelists teach and preach at regular points and on special occasions.

The hospital at Damoh provides the only medical work done by our mission in a radius of one hundred miles. During these famine years, more than the usual number of babies are being given to the hospital, most of whom are ill and undernourished. After they have been brought to health, they are placed in Christian homes.

Tuberculosis is very prevalent in this city. Free laboratory work is done for a Christian patients, and examinations given to school children regularly.

**The Lord hath done great things for us;
whereof we are glad.—Psalm 126:3.**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



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MAUNDAY THURSDAY SERVICE, April 3rd

8:00 P.M.

At this service the choir will offer its cantata. At the conclusion the celebration of the Last Supper will be held. This will be a candle light service.

MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO REMEMBER TO BRING THEIR SACRIFICIAL BOXES AT THIS TIME

THIS WILL BE A SERVICE YOU WILL LONG REMEMBER. BE SURE TO BE PRESENT AT YOUR LORD'S TABLE. "Do This In Remembrance of Me," requested the Lord Jesus.

Woman's Council

The Woman's Council will hold their Holy Week Prayer Service on Wednesday afternoon, April 2, in the Social Room of the Church, at 2:15 P.M.

Woman's Council Sacrificial Program

The Sacrificial Program of the Women's Council will be held next Sunday evening, March 30, at 8 o'clock. The Missionary Committee of the Council, Miss Leah Miller, chairman, is in charge of the program. There will be special music and a worship period.

Dorcas Circle

On Friday, April 4, at the Barr Street Market, the Dorcas Circle will sell Easter baskets, colored eggs, stuffed toys and baked goods.

International Convention

Two great conventions, of interest to all Disciples, will meet at Buffalo this summer: The INTERNATIONAL Convention of Disciples of Christ, July 29 to Aug. 3; the WORLD Convention of Churches of Christ, August 3 to 7. It is expected that more than ten thousand persons will attend. Why not plan **your** vacation for this time and spend it at Buffalo?

Ladies bring your light wraps when you attend the International Convention and the World Convention in July and August in Buffalo. The weather in this city is just right for a vacation. The breeze is from Lake Erie.

Illness

Others who are ill, Mrs. B. W. Lerversee, Mrs. Paul Whitton, Mrs. M. G. Heller, Wayne Imbody and many of our members are indisposed with colds and flu.

New Prospective Member

David Alan, son born to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ripple at Lutheran Hospital. Welcome to baby and congratulations to the proud parents.

Easter Cantata

On Thursday evening of Holy Week, we will observe our Candlelight Communion Service. The Choir will give the Easter Cantata, 'Eastertide, by Borsch'. Mrs. Alan Bell, soprano; Mr. Owen Vaught, tenor; and Mr. Collins Mannan, baritone, will be the soloists.

Woman's Council

The Woman's Council Project Committee is sponsoring a meeting at the Leisure Electric Home, 122 E. Wayne Street, on April 8, at 12:30. Lunch will be served following the Broadcast. Mrs. Leo Miller in charge. Each person will pay 50c and are asked to bring their favorite recipe.

Looking Forward!

Upon us Christians there rests a serious and inspiring responsibility. To serve one purpose and meet our needs for the years to come will require an attractive and adequate church. We need also to realize the position of leadership we can attain, and sense the full meaning of the new church. To provide it will require sacrificial giving. We must raise our sights. We face a task in keeping with Holy Week and the glory of Easter. We must not fail!



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EASTER SUNDAY

A HEARTY WELCOME TO ALL THIS EASTER TIME. MEET THE CHALLENGE OF THE ATOMIC AGE. SHOW YOUR CREDENTIALS. LET US PROVE THEM BY LIVING AS SONS OF GOD.

The problem of the future is a theological one said the general. Many other men have been saying that. Such a statement made ten years ago would have brought perplexity. Twenty years ago many would have hooted at the idea. Today there is a growing approbation. Christians must respond to make their equipment adequate, to extend the spirit of Christian love through their community to the ends of the earth. We must be intelligent, we must be vitally alive as Christians.

Make your offering this Easter worthy of your Christian responsibility.

Thus you will be blessed in your giving.

A BLESSED EASTER TO YOU ALL — MAY GOD'S BLESSINGS CONTINUE
TO ENLARGE THE CIRCLE OF THOSE WHO WORSHIP AT FIRST
CHRISTIAN AS THE JOY OF EASTER FILLS YOUR HEART

Easter Services—Worship
10:30 A.M.

Sermon—EASTER AND THE WAY OF TRIUMPH

Great Music—Miss Marjorie Sutton, Soloist — Anthem by the Choir

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Processional 10:30 A.M.

Join in Singing the Great Easter Hymns

Church School 9:30 A.M.

Every Class will have special Easter Emphasis.

Be in Church this Easter.

THOSE SENDING EASTER LILIES AND FLOWERS SHOULD HAVE THEM AT THE
CHURCH SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND NOT LATER THAN EARLY
EASTER MORNING

The Living Christ

The Easter festival is upon us again. For some it will mean the pageantry of new clothes, family reunions, Easter-egg hunts or attendance at formal services of worship. Modern society has the tendency to corrupt holy days. By law they are made holidays; by commercial enterprise they become spending sprees; and by custom they degenerate into ritual observances.

Easter can have lasting significance only for those who partake of its true nature. They must enter into personal and conscious fellowship with the living Lord. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is an historical fact beyond dispute. It was a turning point in the history of the world whose full significance was understood first on Pentecost. As the real meaning of the resurrection became manifest to the disciples their lives were transformed. The craven cowards who had fled from the soldiers of Pilate became courageous crusaders for the Christ. The disillusionment and defeat of the crucifixion were metamorphosed into glory as the reality of the resurrection became an established fact. These disciples were transformed by the consciousness of a living Presence which gave them not only joy and peace but also spiritual power. The living Christ dwelt in them and they became truly His body subject to His will.

Easter is not a date to be dramatized and then forgotten. It is the doorway to a triumphant fellowship with the living Lord and with those who serve Him. Easter cannot be observed for a single day and then ignored. Either it has meaning every day or it is utterly without meaning. We who truly sense the significance of the resurrection today will be conscious of the continuing Presence tomorrow. We will let the impact of that Presence orient our lives. Day by day we will continue "steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers." Next Sunday, and the next and the next throughout life, we will abide in Him and maintain close fellowship with His followers. He is risen. Because He lives we, too, shall live.

—Spencer P. Austin



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OUR CHURCH OF THE FUTURE

Teamworkers and committee members launch the intensive part of our building fund campaign with a "Kick-Off" dinner at the church, Monday evening at 6:27. Wives and husbands of the group are included. It will be one of the most important and interesting meetings of this vital project. Let us all join our prayers and confidence in the complete success of the campaign, which will mean so much to First Christian Church of the future.

Woman's Council

Ruth Circle Tuesday, April 8th. Will meet at Leisure home 12:30. 122 East Wayne Street. Following program they will have business meeting at the home of Mrs. Mary Lamont, 1126 Fairfield.

Martha Circle. Thursday, April 10th, 2:15 P.M. Place of Meeting at the home of Mrs. Olga R. Heidecker, 4001 Indiana Avenue.

Esther Circle. Wednesday, April 9th, 2:15 P.M. Place of meeting, the home of Mrs. Joseph Siples, 1127 Charlotte Avenue. Leader of devotions: Mrs. Charles Mumy. Program Leader: Mrs. Albert Egley.

Dorcas Circle. Thursday, April 10th, 2:00 P.M. Place of meeting: The home of Mrs. J. C. Gerrard, 2620 Central Drive.

Friendly Bible Class. Friday, April 11th, 8:00 P.M. Place of meeting: Home of Mrs. Virginia McMaken, 3029 S. Wayne Street.

With Our Sick

Alexander M. Campbell is recovering from an operation at the St. Joseph Hospital. Tommy Campbell is at home recovering from the measles. Mrs. Owen Vaught fell and fractured a bone in her wrist. Robert Anderson is at home recovering from the mumps. Powell Simonton is at home recovering from the flu. Warren and his sister, Teresa Munson are confined to their home with the influenza. We are pleased to report that all these sick reported to the office are doing as well as could be expected.

Our Sympathy

The sympathy of the church is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lytle in the death of their infant daughter.

The sympathy of the church is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Eggers in the loss of their infant daughter. Mr. and Mrs. David S. Vesey are the grandparents.

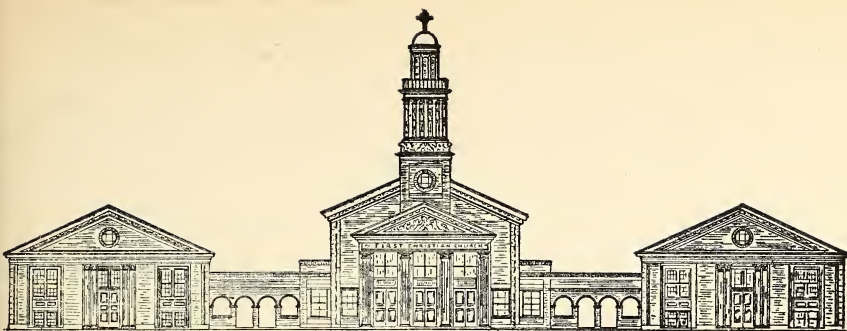
New Prospective Member

We rejoice with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Geerken in the birth of a fine baby boy. Both mother and son are doing well.

Honor Has Come to First Christian

Rev. Joseph Fitch ordained last summer in this Church has been called to become student pastor at Purdue University, working under the Purdue Christian Foundation. We congratulate Brother Fitch and send him every good wish.

Miss Ella Dyer writes and edits the patent side for the United Christian Missionary Society, which this church and hundreds of others in our Brotherhood use. We congratulate Miss Dyer on this new position.



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ON TO PENTECOST

Many names are coming to the office for our evangelism committee to contact. You are urged to send in names of those who should be members of First Christian Church.

FROM EASTER TO PENTECOST WILL BE A PERIOD OF ENLISTMENT FOR FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Do your share. Speak to your neighbor who is without a church home.

WORSHIP SERVICE — 10:30 A.M.

Great Service last Sunday Our People Came Early

Make this another service where you will be strengthened by divine help through our common worship.

Organ Prelude 10:25 — Processional 10:30 A.M.

Anthem By Choir. Mrs. Lawrence Horn, soloist. Great Hymns for all

Sermon: Labels and Libels. Preacher: Our Pastor

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Mr. R. K. Schrecongast and Mr. James Herschy are new teachers this quarter in the Children's House. Bring your children with you — that is the right way to go to Sunday School.

THE ROAD TO ACHIEVEMENT

If the enthusiasm of committee members and Teamworkers at the "Kick-Off" dinner last Monday evening is any criterion, the success of our Building Fund campaign is assured! From the opening prayer, through the radio "skat" and the crowning of Captains, to the selection of prospect cards, there was never a dull moment.

No church stands still. If it does not progress, it slides backward. If it does not attract new members, it gradually dies. We have waited a long time to develop our plans for the future of First Christian Church. Actually, we have a wonderful opportunity to move forward. At one and the same time, we find the necessity for improvement in our physical equipment, a growing community in which to locate our new building, and relatively ideal conditions for fund-raising.

That is the situation. As our volunteer workers call on members and friends of the church, they should be given a courteous hearing. We should consider

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WORLD CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIAN YOUTH

The second World Conference of Christian Youth which will be held at Oslo, Norway, July 22 to August 1, 1947, is to be attended by some fifteen hundred young people, all under the age of thirty. The American delegation is limited to about 225, of which the Disciples quota, for both United States and Canada, is seven. The first conference was held in Amsterdam in 1939, just before the war, with young people from seventy nations.

In order for the delegates of each country to have a background to bring to the conference, a series of questions have been prepared: How is Christ overcoming the World? Who decides what is good and evil? Can the Bible help us in our concrete decisions? Is man the slave of his inventions? Must society be built upon the family? On what basis is world order possible? Are the Churches beyond repair? Can the Churches really unite? Can

the Church avoid being Utopian or Escapist? These are to be studied by youth groups to give the delegate a more concrete idea of the thinking of the young people that he represents.

Many of the delegates will have suffered the loss of material possessions, will have witnessed the death and sometimes the torture of their dearest relatives; they will be stripped of all outward marks of the favour and goodness of God. There will be delegates from countries recently our enemies—Chinese delegates from a country still torn by civil war—Indians straight from the greatest national upheaval in their country's history. To them Christianity is a precious possession that has survived the ordeal of confusion, bewilderment and unpopularity, the rock to which they have been able to cling when all else has dissolved into a state of flux.



TRUTH MAKES MEN FREE

The disillusionment of thousands of German young men and young women by the collapse of their Nazi ideals has created a moral and spiritual vacuum which the Allied Occupation Authorities find is Germany's number 1 problem of reconstruction. Her future economy can be objectively controlled. Her finances can be regulated. Her army, navy and air force can be obliterated, by force, if necessary. But moral and spiritual outlook is a creation from within and involves educational and social procedures not so easily manipulated. German youth apparently today is without hope, and hope is a spiritual quality. New textbooks for public schools are not the whole answer to German re-education. Only a new

approach by the churches in the content and method of Christian education will produce the spiritual foundations of a genuine democracy. Germany must come to see that the "truth makes men free."

—Dr. Ralph E. Diefendorfer.



W. H. FONGER

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fonger have returned to the Philippines, where he will be director of Church World Service work in the islands. Mr. Fonger also serves as secretary of the Philippines agency of the American Bible Society. These former missionaries of the Disciples of Christ have had several months leave in the United States after three years of Japanese imprisonment.

*When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer,
To Jesus I repair;
May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Whene'er the sweet church bell
Peals over hill and dell,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
O hark to what it sings,
As joyously it rings,
May Jesus Christ be praised!*



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carefully what we can and will subscribe to this most worthwhile project — probably the most far-sighted program ever undertaken in our church. Much depends on our individual generosity, as we lift our sights to the financial requirement for the attractive, functioning First Christian Church of the future.

To date a substantial total has been raised toward our goal, and an imposing list appears on the Honor Roll of subscribers. It is a most gratifying thing to realize that the results more than justify the effort when we catch the vision of sacrificial giving. To glorify our Lord in providing a beautiful and adequate house of worship, one which not only typifies the spirit of Easter and the beauty of Christian living, but serves the community completely, is a thrilling experience. It is also an experience that usually comes but once in a lifetime to most of us.

We are in the midst of an intensive campaign. Nothing short of complete coverage will do the job. At the same time, here is one of the finest opportunities we have had to win friends for the church itself. A basic part of this process is the establishment of new and lasting personal friendships. And it will mean revitalizing our whole church in most enjoyable manner. There is much to be gained in real Christian service!

Report Meetings are scheduled for all Teamworkers Friday evening this week, and each evening next week except Saturday. Solicitation results are reported, and campaign progress recorded. Division Leaders and Team Captains are asked to contact their groups regarding the importance of full attendance at these meetings, as it will mean much toward the final success of the campaign.

Watch the Honor Roll grow! We should be grateful to those who are making possible the development of our fine church. Is your name on the Honor Roll!

WOMAN'S COUNCIL — APRIL 15th, 2:15 P.M.

Mrs. A. C. Worley will review "African Journey" by Mrs. Paul Robeson.

Devotions will be given by the Naomi Circle.

Special Music by the Union Baptist Church.

The Program is in charge of the Rachel Circle.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL MEET AT 1:30 P.M.

Naomi Circle 1:00 P.M. Luncheon Tuesday, April 15th. At the home of Mrs. Ruth Anderson on St. Joe Center Road.

Come Double Class will entertain the Kendallville class **Saturday night, April 12th at 6:30 o'clock dinner meeting.** Our pastor, Robert T. Beck, will speak... In addition, there will be music, games and movies.

Guild Circle, Monday 7:30 P.M. Mr. Maharay, son of Hindu Priest will speak on "India."

NOTES

The wine for Easter Sunday was furnished by Mrs. Mattie Yankman. Our celebration of the Lord's Supper was very solemn and dignified. Our ushers and deacons did most excellently in carrying out their duties to the great congregation that greeted us.

Great numbers of our families used the self-denial boxes and they were returned well-filled. Our Easter Offering was at a high mark. God's blessings will follow such loyalty, devotion and self-sacrifice. We have been touched by some of the stories of self-denial that have been shared with us.



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ON TO PENTECOST

SUNDAY IS VICTORY SUNDAY — VICTORY TEA 5:30 P.M.

Loyal Workers — Liberal Giving Is Spelling Victory!

LET EACH MEMBER KEEP THE CHURCH IN HIS PRAYERS.

MAKE THESE LAST DAYS COUNT!

Morning Worship — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: When God Touches Our Life

Our Pastor will preach

Come early. Enter into the reverent spirit of worship that characterizes
First Christian.

Church School — 9:30 A.M.

If possible each member should be present when the church is at study. That is a true situation for a Church School on Sunday morning.

A REAL OPPORTUNITY FOR CHRISTIAN GIVING

Nowhere in a rich church experience can we find more satisfaction or greater joy than that which comes with unselfish work for constructive growth of the Kingdom. It finds its greatest expression, perhaps, in those things which we can visualize. Thus we think of our new church.

Build we must! It is the only real solution to the problem we face. Oh, it is so easy to accept things as they are — to argue that the old building will do, because it has done all right for 50 years—but there is a challenge before us! We dare not ignore it. And it is more than a challenge. It is an opportunity. An opportunity to build with our community, and to grow and progress gloriously with it. We shall neglect our duty if we ignore that!

This is the final week of our intensive campaign. It is not fair to the Team-workers to extend it. Sunday is our Victory Sunday. Have you made your subscription to the Building Fund? It's not too late — but it's later than you think!

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Who will profit most? I feel that the women and children will experience the greatest job in a new church and its modern equipment. Let us, **every woman**, work, pray and give altogether for the new church!

MRS. H. W. SIGRIST, President Woman's Council.



On DR. E. K. HIGDON'S recent trip to China, he visited all of our stations there and many of the outstations in Anwei and Kiangsu, the two provinces in which we work. He talked with the missionaries and members of the native staff, bringing back with him their problems, needs, and future objectives for our consideration and help. Dr. Edwin Marks, Dr. Higdon, Luther Shao, David Tsai, and Lee Cheo Wu compose the administrative council of churches of Disciples of Christ in China.



• RECOVERING COUNTRIES

At least six of the former German-occupied countries of Europe are about to emerge from under the dark threat of desperate need. These six—Denmark, France, Belgium, Holland, Norway, and Czechoslovakia—are not wholly out of danger, nor are a very large fraction of their wants filled. They are recovering, however, and may soon become helping rather than receiving countries, at least in certain commodities.



• K. UNOURA

The Rev. K. Unoura, purchasing chairman, of the Southern California Japanese-American Relief Committee, along with its president, the Rev. S. Kowata, recently

presented a \$14,757 check, for 36,900 pounds of powdered milk for Japan, to the Southern California Protestant Church relief committee. Mr. Unoura served as a pastor of our Japanese Christian Church in Los Angeles before the war. During the war he was held in an internment camp, but he is now once again in Los Angeles serving as pastor to the Japanese-speaking section of the All Peoples' Christian Church.



• CHRISTIANITY

The expenditure of an estimated \$650,000,000 on new church buildings and improvements as soon as materials become available in the United States will not cause a ripple of comment in the non-Christian world of Asia, Africa, the islands of the sea and elsewhere, nor will the adding of thousands of new members to the rosters of the traditionally programmed churches of our country. Nor, will new church buildings, settlement houses, educational institutions or hospitals among the minority groups—Negroes, Mexicans or other Latins, Chinese, Filipinos, or American Indians be commented on by the billion non-white people of Asia, as a favorable witness for Jesus Christ. These signs of possible progress may have been evidences of Christian vitality in the days before world wide communication, international travel and global war—but not now. Treat the Mexican fairly, and Christianity will be proclaimed in Latin America. Clear our American Indian record, and East Indians will take notice of democracy and Christianity. Abolish lynching, not by law, but by effectively acknowledging the Negro's right to respect and decent citizenship, and not only Africa but all the non-white world will rise up and call the church blessed.

— Dr. Ralph E. Diefendorfer.



O most loving Saviour, in the light of this new day may the sunshine of Thy presence shine upon our souls. Dispel the darkness from our minds and wills, teach us how we should walk and what we should do. We thank Thee for the opportunity of this new day. May our tasks be done with diligence and all our duties and responsibilities be greeted with joy. Give us willing hearts that we may patiently and faithfully toil this blessed day so that, at its close, we can say truly, this was one more day's work for Thee.

AMEN.

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A new First Christian Church building is certainly of the greatest importance to the Sunday School. The classes need rooms. This new building will provide the space needed. It is of vital importance **now**.

Your help will be truly appreciated.

DALE PARKERSON, Superintendent of Sunday School.

The generous support of our members and the **sacrificial giving** of many have touched my heart. It is impossible to measure in terms of boys and girls, men and women, the great future our new building will mean to them. It may be that never again can our giving mean so much for the Christian Cause in Fort Wayne. **May this be a summons to all of us** to go "All Out" for this great program and the great new day for our Church.

ROBERT T. BECK, Pastor.

OUR LEADERS SPEAK

I believe in the future of Fort Wayne and the future generation, and that First Christian Church must take its rightful place in preaching and teaching Christianity in their development. Therefore, we must have adequate facilities properly located to serve the greatest number of persons. A united effort will make it possible for us to have a progressive church for a hundred years to come. My contribution to this cause is my golden opportunity to serve others through Christ.

WALTER C. BIRKHOLO, Chairman Expansion Committee.

The opportunity is here to make sure the church can meet the challenge of the future. The purpose of the church must be to serve people well by providing adequate facilities for the worship of God, Christian education, and proper social activity. It is my sincere conviction you and I as Christians will one day thank God that we had the vision to have had a part in this program.

OWEN VAUGHT, Chairman of the Board.

Here's an opportunity for the Men's Forum to have a dinner without danger of the tables falling down! Seriously, we need the right kind of room and equipment for social gatherings in our church life. Men can be attracted to an active, growing church, and this is our chance to make it an accomplished fact.

JOE W. CLARK, President Men's Forum.

Will **you** miss the boat? It **will** sail. Already that is assured. Fine conscientious workers are manning the ship — doing the job for their church. Sound, capable business men and women are turning in their liberal subscriptions. **Don't wait to be called on.** Be a Volunteer!

H. W. SIGRIST, Chairman.

THE CHURCH IS INVITED

Members of the church are invited to attend the wedding of Miss Elsie Keith and Mr. William Robinson on Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Miss Keith is one of the loyal members of First Christian.

The Royal Reapers will hold the class meeting at the home of Mrs. C. Tharpe, 806½ Lake Avenue on Friday evening at eight o'clock. Assisting the hostess will be Mrs. Alma Beck and Mrs. Fay Woodhull.

SELF - DENIAL

Self-denial boxes continue to come in. The content of these boxes are being shared with the Women's Council for their benevolent and missionary work.



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ON TO PENTECOST

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: — Say Yes to Life.

In face of inclement weather we had a most reverent and responsive congregation. The service was climaxed by six adults coming forward. Two of the men were received by Confession and Baptism.

On To Pentecost—Every member should be concerned about those who should be a part of our great church. If you know those who should become members—please send their names into the office.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Mrs. Ruby Miller is teaching the High School Class. Come on Fellows and Girls make this a great class. Soft ball and other activities are in the immediate future. Get in the swing right now.

Notes

The Dorcas Circle will meet Thursday afternoon, May 1st, with Mrs. Arza Smith, 3113 Lillie Street. Mrs Earl Moore will be the assistant hostess.

UP & UP & UP WE GO IN OUR GREAT PROGRAM

Over \$50,000 at the Victory Sunday Teaff. Not only a great victory, but a great future for our church is now assured. The workers have had a glorious experience.

SUBSCRIPTION ANALYSIS

2 @ \$5000 & up	4 @ \$1500 & up	4 @ \$500 & up	28 @ 150 & up
2 @ \$2500 & up	6 @ \$1000 & up	36 @ \$300 & up	Miscellaneous

TEAM STANDINGS

Myron Cole	\$1650	Joe Clark	\$ 750	Mrs. Dare	\$ 950
Arl Davis	1200	Mrs. Ellison	1700	Don Eyer	2550
Mrs. Palmer	860	Glenn Miller	2450	Don Conway	1180
Hugh Tracey	900	Floyd Morrical	1745	Dick Rousseau	950
Miscellaneous	600	Miscellaneous	300	Miscellaneous	700

Egley Division	\$\$\$5210	Orchard Division	\$6945	Parkerson Division	\$6330
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MR. RAY E. RICE



MRS. RAY E. RICE

MR. AND MRS. RAY E. RICE left from New York City, early in March, on the CITY OF TOKYO for Bombay, India. They first went to India in 1914, and except for furlough years, spent the intervening years until 1933 in charge of the Damoh Boys' School, at Damoh in Central Provinces. During the last thirteen years they have lived in Lincoln, Nebraska, where they have been doing youth work.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice will be stationed at Takhatpur during this term of service in the Bilaspur district. They will have oversight of the forty village churches with their twenty pastors, a Primary School and a Middle School, a Boy's Boarding School, the management of the leper asylum, and the usual evangelistic and women's work. Their son and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Rice, are stationed at Damoh, where they took up their work in 1946, after a year of language study at Jubbulpore.



• RELIEF PROGRAM

Positive results of the church-sponsored program for collecting clothing and other relief goods were shown in the shipments that arrived last November. In that month the shipments totaled 1,350,900 pounds. Made up of both gifts in kind and purchases made from money donations, this brought the total sent for the fourteen-month-long period program to 12,638,500, whose value was placed at more than \$5,000,000.

This report showed that consignments

went to four Asiatic countries and six in Europe. High on the list were 466,000 pounds to Japan, Finland 308,000, and Germany 360,000. The other countries were Austria, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Italy, China, India and Indonesia.



• CHINESE SCHOOLS

Eleven of the thirteen Christian colleges, maintained by American and British missionary societies in China, fell into the hands of the Japanese and of puppets during the World War, and it will cost at least \$15,000,000 to repair the damage sustained and to make them usable for their educational purposes, a recent survey shows. According to the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, while only a dozen college buildings were razed, most of the others were looted of doors, windows, locks, plumbing, fixtures, movable sections, furniture, supplies and equipment.

Many of the colleges and other schools are beginning to operate with meager equipment, supplies, buildings and teachers. In our own China Mission schools have been opened, scattered furniture and equipment collected, teachers employed and classes begun. The University of Nanking, Nanking Theological Seminary, and Ginling College have returned home from Chengtu.



Yet Another Day

*God grant me yet another day,
To live and serve along the way.
To set my soul in tune again,
And be the man I might have been;
To heal the wounds in human hearts—
From hatred's cruel poisoned darts;
To sing the song I left unsung;
Do kindly deeds I left undone.
To do these tasks and more I pray,
Oh, Father grant me one more day.*

Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our debts,

As we also forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom and the power

and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13.

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THE HONOR ROLL

Approximately 115 names appear on the Honor Roll of subscribers to the building Fund. Please notify the church office of any errors or omissions, which are of course unintentional.

Mr. Mrs. H. W. Sigrist	Mr. Doyle Anderson	Mr. R. H. Hill
Mr. Mrs. W. C. Birkhold	Dr. Mrs. I. W. Ditton	Mr. Mrs. Joe M. Fitch
Mr. Mrs. Owen Vaught	Mr. Charles J. Kollman	Mrs. Amy Shawhan &
Mrs. David Hogg	Mr. Mrs. C. F. Ellison	Mrs. James H. Reynolds
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Miss Dorothy Orchard	Mr. Mrs. Ernie Weisjohn	Mr. Carl Wright
Mr. Mrs. Phillip Ripple	Mr. Mrs. Alva L. Chaney	Mr. Mrs. E. R. Moser
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Mr. Mrs. Lake O. Parrish	Mr. Mrs. Clyde Fox	Miss Elsie Keith
Mrs. J. C. Koegel	Mr. Preston H. Somers	Mr. Mrs. Harold Redman
Mrs. Anna Hirschy	Mr. Mrs. Eric Olsen	Mr. Mrs. Dale Bailey
Miss Mardelle Fisher	Miss Lenore Rousseau	Mr. Mrs. Joseph Siples
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Mrs. Marion Favory	Charles E. Tharp & Son	Mr. Mrs. Ray D. Moore
Miss Eunice Clark	Mr. Mrs. Robert E. Clipp	Mr. Mrs. Walter Rodgers
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Mr. Mrs. Delmas L. Young	Mr. Mrs. Chas. Pennington	Mr. Mrs. Grant T. Munson
Mr. Mrs. Harold J. Bowker	Mr. Mrs. Calvin F. Durfee	Mr. Mrs. Wayne F. Koontz
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Mr. Mrs. Merle F. Morkeotter		Miss Leah Miller & Mrs. Jessie
Mr. Mrs. Earl T. Fusselman		Miss Marilyn Miller & Robert Rayl
Mr. Mrs. Steadman Fountain		Misses Marguerite & Louise McGuire
Rev. Mrs. Robert M. Hopkins, Jr.		Mr. Mrs. F. M. Shambaugh
Mr. Mrs. Lawrence S. Sentman		Sunday School "Earn & Give"
Mr. Mrs. Clover Branstrator		Mr. Mrs. Paul Parsons & Gail
Mr. Mrs. Harvey M. Smelser		Mr. Mrs. Paul Clendennen
Mr. Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau		Mr. Mrs. Floyd E. Morrical
Mr. Mrs. Lawrence A. Horn		Mr. Mrs. Chas. E. Fuchshuber



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: YOUR PLANS AND GOD'S.

Our pastor will occupy the pulpit

The organ prelude begins at 10:25 A.M. Come early that you may have the inspiration of a quiet time before the formal service begins. Many are coming early and find it helpful

HEAR OUR CHOIR — JOIN HEARTILY IN SINGING THE GREAT HYMNS

BE IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

Church School — 9:30 A.M.

Our young men are forming a softball team. Be in your place this Sunday at 9:30, fellows, and learn where the practice is for next week. We can have a fine team.

Names Are Being Added to

THE HONOR ROLL

Executive Committee of Woman's Council Voted to recommend \$2500.00 to go for special equipment for kitchen, church parlor, etc. This will bring total to \$56,100. \$3900. will make \$60,000.00. It is reasonable to expect this increase. A round \$11,000. in cash has been received. This is better than average. Let us put our money to work in the Building Fund.

Team Standing

Myron Cole	\$1750	Joe Clark	\$ 800	Mrs. Dare	\$ 950
Art Davis	1760	Mrs. Ellison	2000	Don Eyer	2590
Mrs. Palmer	1260	Glenn Miller	3225	Don Conway	1380
Hugh Tracy	1150	Floyd Morrical	1725	Dick Rousseau	1250
Miscellaneous	600	Miscellaneous	300	Miscellaneous	700
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Egly Division	\$6520	Orchard Division ..	\$8070	\$6870	

LET EVERY WORKER CONTINUE HIS WORK. LET THOSE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN SEEN PLEASE GIVE SUBSCRIPTIONS TO MR. SIGRIST, WALTER BIRKHOLO, OR MRS. OWEN VAUGHT.

KOTMI, INDIA

In Kotmi, India, in the Bilaspur District, a worship service is conducted at the church each week day morning in addition to the Sunday morning worship service, Sunday school, two mid-week meetings, the prayer meeting on Wednesday afternoon, and the women's meeting on Thursday afternoon. For these morning worship periods they read a chapter of the Bible and have prayer. In the last few months the New Testament has been read through and started again.

The people there do not forget the help sent to them ~~and often in their prayers~~ are heard to say, "Dear Lord, bless the good people in America who are helping us and are also helping the people of the other needy countries of the world." They are truly grateful for the schools and the hospitals and are praying for the erection of the hospital in Pendra Road.

There are nearly a thousand Christians in this area which has no hospital and only recently has Dr. Kenneth Bonham arrived to supply the much needed doctor. We who live in cities and towns with medical attention always at hand can have little realization of what it means to have a doctor arrive where there was not one before. Dr. Bonham lives in Pendra Road where the new hospital is to be erected but visits the Kotmi station each week on Tuesday, which is bazaar day.

● BOLENGE, AFRICA

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cardwell write from Bolenge, in the Belgian Congo, that in the last week of November they tried something new—the first Adult Conference for the church in Congo. There were thirty selected Christian leaders and their wives from the Bolenge area, sixty in all. They had sunrise personal devotions, classes (in Bible, the work of the church, the Christian home, etc.), hymn-singing, games, Bible drama, vespers—and following

vespers a most interesting time around the camp-fire when the older leaders told of the coming of Christianity to their village. Many native Christians as well as missionaries have endured hardship to bring Christ to these people.

The sunrise devotions were quite unusual. Many of the wives cannot read at all, and under every tree, around the church, and along the path could be heard each husband preaching to his wife as he read from the New Testament. Many of them spoke as loudly and gesticulated as much as though he had an audience of a thousand people! And there the wife stood listening humbly and intently to the words she couldn't read. What an impressive picture it must have made!

● JAPAN

More than one hundred American Protestant missionaries, formerly serving in Japan, have been "cleared" with the American occupation authorities for return to service there. Half that number are already in Japan; the others should be back within the next few months. Those now returned are principally engaged in schools, social work, rural evangelism, and in church extension and administration. When the "old timers" have been returned to Japan, it is expected that new missionaries will be recruited for special forms of service.

The American Bible Society is now printing 500,000 copies of a paper-covered New Testament in Japanese for early shipment to Japan. During 1946 the Society sent to Japan, through the chaplains of the United States Army, 250,000 New Testaments and 329,000 briefer portions in Japanese, and 128,000 New Testaments in English.

In January, Church World Service sent to Japan twenty quonset huts, which are to be used in bombed out cities as relief centers and church centers.



*One family on earth are we
Throughout its widest span.*

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GREAT EVENING PLANNED FOR OUR MEN

Sunday Evening, May the 4th — 6:15 P.M. Dinner

MEN'S FORUM

Speaker: **Captain Pierre H. Boucheron**, manager of the Farnsworth WGL Radio STATION. Subject: **Greenland Assignment.**

The speaker for Sunday night spent two years in Greenland during the war, he brings with his address **colored moving pictures** which he obtained in that little known country.

Joe Clark, president of the Men's Forum will preside over a brief business session.

There will be group singing, and fine fellowship. The Woman's Council in charge of the meal — means we shall have a fine dinner.

The **ESTHER CIRCLE** will meet with Mrs. Wm. E. Tracey, 804 Colerick, Wednesday, May 7. There will be a white elephant sale.

The **RACHEL CIRCLE** will meet with Mrs. J. M. Miller, 513 E. Taber St., Tuesday, May 6, at 2:00 P.M. Mrs. Rhoda Depotty will give the devotions, Mrs. F. H. Rogers has the program.

ELDERS FOR MAY

May 4—P. H. Somers, Owen Vaught.

May 11—Ray Barnett, Dale Parkerson.

May 18—Alex. M. Campbell, Harry G. Hiler.

May 25—Robert E. Clipp, Joseph M. Fitch.

DEACONS FOR MAY

Delmas Young, Captain, A-16500; C. F. Durfee, Ass't. Captain; F. E. Morrical, A. L. Gaskill, Wm. M. Moffitt, Dale Hiler, Don Eyer, Earl T. Fusselman.

OFFICIAL BOARD

THE OFFICIAL BOARD WILL MEET WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 7, AT THE CHURCH AT 7:45 P.M.

The **NAOMI CIRCLE**, Wednesday, May 7th—will meet at the home of Mrs. Fred Smell, Maumee Road.

The **MARTHA CIRCLE**, Wednesday, May 7th, 2:15 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Woodhull, 2650 Fox Avenue. Mrs. Virts will give the devotion and Mrs. Owen Vaught will give the program.

SICK

Among our sick are: Mrs. William Badders, Mrs. B. W. Leversee, Mrs. E. R. Moser, little Paul Edwin Hopkins. These people should be remembered in our daily devotions.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the church is extended to Mrs. Elix Gagnon in the loss of her husband in death. Mrs. Gagon is a faithful member of this church.

CORRECTION

Through a clerical error, the names of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller was omitted from the Honor Roll in last week's Tidings. Mr. Miller led our team captains in the amount received in our campaign. Both his son and his daughter were liberal contributors as well as her fiance, Mr. Robert Rayl.



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SUNDAY IS MOTHER'S DAY

Family Week observance should end gloriously as we pay tribute to Christian Mothers this Sunday.

This day has grown to be one of the great days of the church year. Wear a flower for your mother and be in church this Sunday. The choir will have special music, there will be great hymns for all of us to sing. Our service will be inspirational. Our pastor will bring us a heart warming message. Miss Sutton will bring a solo.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Our organ prelude begins at 10:25 A.M. Come early as many are, and get the full sweep of our carefully planned service of worship.

We rejoice with the increasing numbers who are becoming a part of our great church. Five more came last Sunday. Two of the fine young men came by baptism. One of our active members, an officer of the church, makes calls every week upon prospective members he has set his goal for at least two additions per week. He is now far ahead of his goal. Can you think of a more worthy goal for any of our members. **Between now and Pentecost** speak to a number about coming into the church.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

The college age group class in our church is having a fine attendance each Sunday. Mrs. Robert M. Scott is the teacher and Miss Marcella Fisher is the president of this class.

There are fine classes for every one in our church. Especially are we fortunate in having a Children's House. Bring your children with you and come to the Church School.

FORWARD IN '47

We are pleased to inform our readers that every week brings additional names of those who are subscribing to the church, who were not seen during the active campaign. It is not too late to get your pledge in. You can have 30 months to pay. If you have not been seen as yet, get in touch with the church office secretary or our pastor, or one of the officers of the church.

'47 has already been a great year. Let us move forward in every branch and department of our church. As our funds grow for the building of our new church, let us become more consecrated in the cause of our Master. Increasingly may we pray "Not my will but Thine be done."

● MOVING FORWARD

After a two-year furlough spent in the United States, Drs. Howard and Marjorie Horner have returned to their work at Wema in the Belgian Congo. They were greatly encouraged upon their arrival to see the remarkable progress in all phases of the work.

The station school which had an approximate enrollment of 225 pupils when they left had grown to 350 pupils over this period. The number of teachers in the schools out in the forest villages in the area served by Wema doubled in these two years and this is especially remarkable since the standards of academic achievement were not lowered in any way.

The work here also includes medical care for the people in the district and often times the hospital at Wema is visited by 150 patients when there is a doctor at the station. It gives the only medical care for thousands of people in the surrounding territory. The nearest hospital other than that at Wema is at Boende, a journey of three days on foot as the natives must travel. The missionary on the station, although not a doctor, realizing the need, kept the hospital open, treating regularly all the station personnel and the emergency cases among the people situated close to the station. This he did with the help of the native nurses trained by our doctors and nurses who had worked there in the past. An example of this life saving work is shown in the fifty-three pneumonia cases treated with only two deaths, and those were brought in during the last stages.

Not only had the educational and medical work gone forward, but also the spreading of the Gospel in this section of the Congo. During that two-year period the average attendance at church services and Sunday school just about doubled, as did the attendance at prayer meetings and Christian Endeavor. An interesting point is

the fact that a large part of this increase has been due to an increasing number of women attending the services. In the Congo it is the women who cling longest to the old ways and a true advance has been made when they begin to show real interest. As is true all over the world, when the women become Christians, Christian homes are made, and therein lies the future of Christianity. That the people are now responding is shown by the large number of baptisms in a year and a half which totaled 858 by the middle of 1946.

● I WANT OUR CHURCH TO BE

A Church where men and women, young people and children, find their place in full proportion, and where the family spirit binds all together in natural affection and esteem.

A church whose officers and members are not too busy, too tired or too much otherwise engaged to attend the prayer meetings to pray.

A church whose young people believe not only in debates, in games, in gymnasiums and in wholesome fun, but who also believe in attending the devotional meetings of the church.

A church whose minister has the gospel of divine redemption for his message; who is both spiritual and humane; who not only anticipates friendships in heaven, but makes friends on earth.

A church whose choir sings not for favors received, not for the applause of men, but out of hearts which have the song of the gospel in them, for love of the Saviour and those for whom he died.

A church in whose midst Christ is enthroned, revealing Himself through the members in compassion for the lost, friendship for the sinners and fellowship with saints.

—THE MOTOR



*Go forth to life,
O child of earth!
Still mindful of thy heavenly birth;
Thou art not here for ease, or sin,
But manhood's noble crown to win.*

*Then forth to life,
O child of earth!
Be worthy of thy heavenly birth!
For noble service thou art here;
Thy brothers help, thy God revere!*

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LOOKING FORWARD

Public Dinner Friday, May 16th, from 5 to 7 o'clock. This will be a steak dinner sponsored by the project committee of the Woman's Council, Adults 85c; children 50. Mrs. Floyd Morrical is chairman of this committee.

May Breakfast of the Woman's Council May 20th. On this occasion when our women have a large attendance, there will be an excellent program. Details will be given in the next issue of the **Tidings**.

OUR CHOIR

Too much can scarcely be said in praise of faithful members who meet for practice and are in their places on Sunday. The choir make great contribution to every service. It is a privilege to offer one's musical talent in sacrifice to his Lord in prayer and song. If God has blest you with a good voice, show your thanks by offering him your voice each Sunday in the church choir.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Young in the birth of a lovely baby girl. Both mother and babe are doing nicely.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Davis in the birth of a lovely baby girl. The mother and baby are doing nicely.

We are glad for these new prospective members for our church. Our hearts join these fine people in prayers of thanksgiving.

OUR SICK

Mrs. Amanda Parks, we are sorry to report, fell and injured her hip. She is in the St. Joseph Hospital.

Mrs. B. W. Lerversee, who was taken to the hospital recently, is reported to be much improved.

Mr. John Roush, one of our new members, underwent an appendectomy in the St. Joseph Hospital. He is doing very nicely.

We bespeak for these people the prayers of our members for a speedy recovery. **Young daughter and infant son** of Mr. and Mrs. Don Eyre have contracted whooping cough.

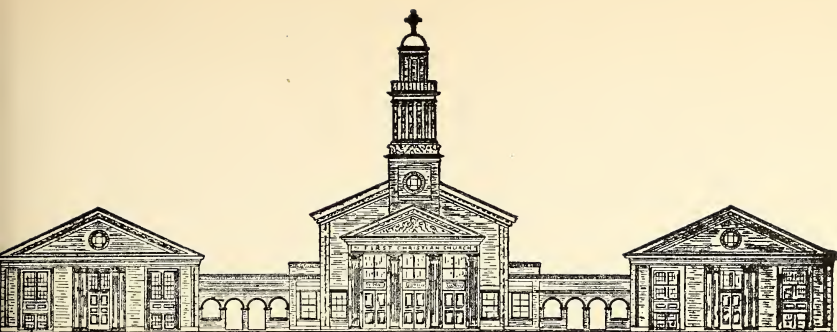
Robbin Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller has the measles.

EVENING GUILD

Will meet at the home of Miss Ethel Shroyer and Miss Sarah Shroyer, 1509 Hard Street, Monday, May 12th at 8 P.M. Miss Mildren Hartman will give a paper on "The Indian Woman in the Home," and Miss Elaine Jones will give a paper on "Education in India." Mrs. William Robinson will give the devotions.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Helen McLennen recently became the bride of Mr. Oscar Isey.



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SUNDAY'S SERMON

WHAT IS YOUR RELIGION DOING TO YOU?

Our worship service begins with the organ prelude at **10:25 A.M.**

The percentage of people who come early for the worship services are high in our congregation. Come early enjoy our fine music and the worshipful atmosphere of our sanctuary.

The anthem this Sunday is "Because I have Given Much" by Byles.

Hear our pastor bring one of his searching insights in Christian living that will do you good.

CHURCH SCHOOL—8:30 A.M.

Mrs. Albert Egley brought a Mother's Day message to the combined Women's Classes last Sunday. This was greatly appreciated by the members.

You will be better prepared for Church if first you come to Sunday School.

MAY BREAKFAST—MAY 20TH

The Women of our church are preparing for a large attendance at the May Breakfast on next Tuesday. Miss Pearl N. Jones, state secretary for Women's Work in our state, will be the guest speaker. **Every woman** in the Church who can possibly come should be present for this big annual event.

MEN'S AREA MEETING—MAY 20TH

BANQUET 6:00 P.M.

See C. F. Durfee, Walter C. Birkhold, or the church office for banquet tickets to the Men's Area Meeting. The banquet will be held in the West Creighton Church's gymnasium. Henry L. Earlewyne, president of the men's clubs of the Christian Churches of Indiana will be a guest. The Sentimental Four, Barber-shop quartette of this city and Glenn Miller, saxophone artist of our own church will be on the program. The banquet tickets are \$1.00.

FORWARD IN 471

Pledges continue to come in. It is not too late to bring your pledge for the forward program. Give your pledge to one of the officers, drop it in the collection plate or mail it to the office. To date over 187 units have been pledged to this great program. **THIS IS THE GREAT SINGLE FINANCIAL PROGRAM IN THE HISTORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Keep it going forward, make it even greater.**

● RURAL STATISTICS

Of the 7925 Christian churches in the United States 5012 are rural, but less than half of the entire membership of the brotherhood is located in these areas. Of these churches, 3200 have fewer than one hundred resident members, 3600 have only part-time ministers and every Sunday over 2500 have no preaching service.

For this reason some of our rural churches are decaying or at best are merely keeping-up—certainly not growing. A good example of this is the comparison of the number of ministers now coming from rural areas to the number in 1900. Although the rural membership has dropped from seventy-one percent to forty-seven percent, the number of recruits for the ministry has dropped still further from a former seventy-six percent of our ministers coming from the country area to a present forty-one percent making a loss of eighteen percent.

Many of our most effective leaders have started with rural backgrounds and at the present time fifty-two percent of the ministers and general workers in our churches come from rural areas. Fifty-five percent of those entering the ministry in the last five years are now serving rural pastorates, in fact thirty percent of the active urban ministers who have entered the ministry in the last fifteen years have served ten or more of those years in rural communities.



● UN ASSEMBLY

The church people of America should "rejoice in the accomplishments of the UN General Assembly" and give active support to the UN agreements; disarmament and the control of atomic energy, recall of ambassadors from Spain, establishment of International Refugee Organization, creation of the Trusteeship Council, calling of

the conference of Freedom of Information and the resolution declaring mass extermination of racial groups an international crime.

—DR. STALEY I. STUBBS



● ATABRINE PILLS

The Church World Service has greatly decreased the deplorable post-war food situation in Bangkok, Siam by sending atabrine pills which has made possible the first rice harvest. The atabrine pills were used in fighting malaria which had depleted many of the farmers to the point where they could do almost no work. The black market had so raised the price of the pills that it would take a farmer a month to earn money for one and it takes fifteen to effect a cure of malaria. The committee distributed the tablets split in two, thus stopping the temptation of the farmer to sell his precious pill on the black market.



● RURAL MINISTERS TO SUMMER SCHOOL

For the third year, summer schools for rural ministers are being held as a nationwide service. In our own brotherhood Drake University and Eureka College are holding classes. Nearly 200 Disciples of Christ ministers from rural areas attend these schools each summer.

*We plow the fields, and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain.*



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OUR CHURCH CONTINUES TO GROW

Sunday after Sunday we have seen new members being received into the church. This is as it should be. But let us look at the record across the country. In urban churches, cities like our own, the average per year by baptism is **seventeen and on half**. In cities under 2500, the average is a fraction over **five**. Our new members per year including those by transfer have been running **over one hundred**. Our new members in the last three years are paying between \$5,000, and \$6,000, per year to the general fund of the church. Our new members are supporting members, are you?

Have **YOU** influenced anyone to come into the church? We are moving toward **Pentecost**. What a time to speak to an acquaintance about the call of the church. **FIRST CHRISTIAN** must expect its members to follow the Master's injunction, Have you made a disciple, a Christian? Do something about it **Now**.

NOTES

Mr. Floyd Morrical has been confined to his home with the influenza. He is much better as the Tidings goes to press.

WELCOME TO FIRST CHRISTIAN

Sylvan Young, Ronald Rodgers, David Ellison, Marylin Miller, Sandra Harris, Karen Harris, Kenneth Schrecongost, are the members of the class on **Church membership** who were received into the church by baptism. This class of fine young people were taught by Mrs. David Hogg. The young people are faithful and regular attendants at our church school and at our worship services. We also wish to welcome John Roush Jr., Sam M. Sharp, Guy Bair, who came by confession and baptism. Miss Mary Anderson, Miss Edith Anderson, Laurell Cole, brother of Myron, Romaine and Stanley Cole, William C. Robinson, recently married in our church, and Mrs. Ethel L. Allen. We cordially welcome these people into our church family and may God bless them richly.

STATE CONVENTION

The state convention will be in close proximity to Fort Wayne this year when it meets at Winona this coming June 5th to 8th. The church at Warsaw will act as host church. We are asked to register early. Pre-registration blanks are in the office now.

INTERNATIONAL & WORLD CONVENTIONS

1000 YOUNG PEOPLE are expected to attend the two great Conventions of the Brotherhood to be held in Buffalo, N. Y. this summer. **SPECIAL HOUSING** and **SPECIAL RATES** are being arranged for the youth. Requests for **HOSTEL ACCOMMODATIONS** should be sent to: The Youth Committee, The Churches of Christ Convention Committee, Box 65, Station C. Buffalo, N. Y.

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L. N. D. WELLS says: "I'm going to the Conventions to keep pace with the progress of "The Crusade for a Christian World". This is the greatest enterprise ever undertaken by our people. I want to know all I can about it and I want to contribute what I may to its promotion."

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Some of the outstanding **WORLD PERSONALITIES**, including **PRESIDENT TRUMAN**, are to be heard at the two great Conventions of the Brotherhood which meets in Buffalo July 28 - Aug. 7. Your reservations should be sent in **N O W**.

LOYAL REAPERS

The Loyal Reapers Class will meet at the home of Mrs. John Leikauf, 1314 Marion St., Friday, May 23rd at 8:00 P.M. Mrs. Tom Scott and Mrs. F. J. Worrell will assist the hostess.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to Mrs. Robert Scott, in the death of an Aunt, Mrs. F. M. Davis, Warsaw, Indiana, Saturday, May 9th.



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SUNDAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Birthday of the church will be celebrated this Sunday.

Town Hall, discussion groups, open forums, are popular and important forms into which thought is given and from which much of the best of our conclusions political, economic and social problems are being formed. These are expressions of democracy. But the Christian enterprise did not come to birth in any of these. **At Pentecost the differences of opinion, even the barrier of language, was overcome by the flood of a new light. Tensions were broken down by a common love and devotion to the Master.**

Discussion groups in the church are commendable. Differences in points of view are to be welcomed in a Christian Church. But if they are to terminate in effective building of the kingdom of God, **they should begin and end, not in selfish desires, but, as in the Day of Pentecost, they should begin and end in the self-giving humility of earnest prayer. We cannot sincerely pray together and quarrel. The prayer at Pentecost was in love.** Those who would not do that, left the disciples long before they came into the Upper Room. Thus from the day of Pentecost the church of Christ began to confound and win the world. **It can be done in any age, in any congregation** that continues steadfastly in the apostles teaching and in the breaking of bread and in prayer.

This next Sunday as we receive the bread and the wine about His table may the love of God the Father and Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ possess us and may the spirit of the Eternal Sacrifice fill our hearts, with mercy, forgiveness and peace, and an earnest for the building of His Kingdom.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Church School 9:30 A.M.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God." This injunction is personal and for the each of us. Be in your class this Sunday.

A Gift of \$2500

The Woman's Council, in business assembly, voted last Tuesday evening to give \$2500 toward the program of our new Church building. The council had \$1000 in cash, the balance is to be given over a period of 30 months.

SUNDAY'S SERMON: SPEAKING OUR LANGUAGE.

• A NEW EVANGELISM

There is urgent need for a new type of evangelism—an evangelism that will reach families, and tribes, and communities in America and across the world. In countries which have escaped the actual sufferings of war, self-love and insistence upon personal gain and comfort without regard to the welfare of others seem to be the prevailing moods.

Crime and juvenile delinquency are reaching unprecedented proportions. Man has become possessed of the greatest destructive power in history and is fearful lest he use it to bring about the suicide of civilization.

In almost all countries where foreign mission work is carried on, the immensely greater numbers in the general population mean that there are more non-Christians today than there were half a century ago.

• TRAINING CHRISTIAN LEADERS

Northern Christian College, established by Disciples of Christ at Laoag in the Philippine Islands, has completed its first year of work since the liberation. Founded on the basic principles of Christian service, with the desire to help build in this new republic a citizenry imbued with the true

principles of democracy, this institution is also pledged to aid in the general educational program of the islands.

During the first year, 226 college students were enrolled. Living quarters were found, for those coming from out of town in a rented dormitory for girls and in neighborhood houses for the boys. Adamson Hall, which came through the war without major damage, was converted into the college building.

Young men and women trained in this college will go out into the villages, into mountain areas, preaching and teaching Christ and his way of life.



MORE THINGS are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let
thy voice

Rise like a fountain for me night and day
For what are men better than sheep and
goats

That nourish a blind life within the brain
If, knowing God, they lift not hands in
prayer

Both for themselves and those who call
them friend?

For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of
God.

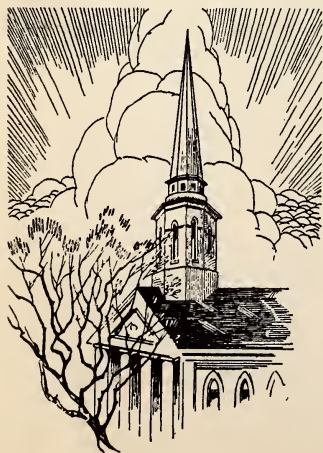
—Tennyson.

CHRISTIANITY ON THE FRONTIER

A committee of three Protestant leaders has returned from Alaska where they conferred with church groups and ministerial associations in all major cities in an effort to strengthen and promote interdenominational cooperation among Alaska's Protestant churches.

This deputation, consisting of Dr. Mark A. Dawber of the Home Missions Council of North America, Dr. J. Earl Jackman of the Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and Dr. Earl R. Brown of the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, spent three weeks in a survey of the religious needs.

Population increase in Alaska during and since the war has brought this field into prominence in the thinking of Christians in light of the urgent need for churches and church leaders.





R.N.S.

MOTHER

*Strength and dignity are her clothing;
and she laugheth at the time to come.*

Proverbs 31:25-26

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Men's Forum

According to Joe Clark, president of the Men's Forum, a good program is being planned for the regular and last meeting before the summer vacation. This dinner will be held on the first Sunday in June. In order to get the best possible estimate of the number to be present, tickets will be available next Sunday. Speak for your ticket as early as possible so that the dinner committee may know the number to anticipate.

Soft Ball

We remind our membership of the fine group of young men who are playing on our soft ball team. Note in the papers the schedule of games and when possible attend these games.

Tuesday, May 27, 9 p.m. First Christian vs. First Methodist.

Thursday May 29, Practice, 4th St. Diamond No. 2.

Looking Ahead

June 1st Children's Day

At 9:30 A.M. on Children's Day, the youth of the Children's House will present a program in the main sanctuary of the church. This program will be in the form of a sharing of their work and their experiences and pupils and classes in our church school. Everyone is invited to this program.

At 11:30 A.M. following the morning worship there will be a program for the **Blessing of Children**. Mothers and fathers are invited to bring their children to the front of the church where the names of the children will be announced. The congregation will pray for the child and his parents and the pastor will ask the blessing of God to be upon these children and their home. The parents will publicly in a beautiful service acknowledge their responsibility as Christian parents. A beautiful booklet is given to the parents for the child, and a rose is given each mother. This program is arranged through Mrs. Walter C. Birkhold, who heads up our church program for the Cradle Roll. Please get in touch with Mrs. Birkhold or the office so proper preparations may be made for your child.

Congratulations

Our Custodian is the proud grandfather of a baby boy. Mr. Boschet's daughter and the mother of the new baby lives in the property adjoining the church.

Our Sick

Mrs. Parks who suffered a fractured hip, is doing nicely in the St. Joseph' Hospital.

Mrs. Dalton suffered a nervous breakdown on her trip to Birmingham, Alabama. She is now at home on Sandpoint Road and seems greatly improved.

WORLD CALL

Mrs. Wagner, World Call chairman, reports that she lacks just 16 having one hundred World Call subscribers. 100 subscriptions will put First Christian on the Honor Roll. These should be in before June 30th. To make sure that we reach the mark, get your subscription in at once.

Forward in '47

Pledges continue to come in for the "Forward in '47" program. If you have not done so, get your pledge in before the close of this month.



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CHILDREN'S DAY THIS SUNDAY

Our children from the Children's House will put on their program at the Sunday School hour in the main sanctuary of the church at **9:30 o'clock Sunday morning**. The membership of the church is invited to attend this service.

Remember the Sunday School Offering will go for the foreign mission program of the church.

BLESSING OUR CHILDREN

At 11:30 A.M. parents may bring their children to the church for the **Blessing of Children's Service**. This is a beautiful and reverent service which is held twice a year in our church, on Children's Day and on Christmas Sunday. This will be a fine memory for the family and a fine record for your baby book.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Sermon Subject: Finding God, Today

Speak to your neighbor about the Church. Baptisms are occurring during the week. We are glad when our church makes the appeal that bring life decisions. Each week, people are deciding for Christ and choosing First Christian as Home.

STATE CONVENTION

Winona Lake Assembly June 5-8th

The State convention will be held this year near to Fort Wayne. This should be an incentive for many who have not attended our conventions to do so. Outstanding speakers, Discussion groups, great fellowship among the brethren are all in store for those who attend. The beautiful grounds of Winona afford a fine opportunity for a few days' respite from the city and a time for inspiration. Register in advance. See the Church Office at once.

YOUR CHURCH CALLS YOU TO WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST IN WORLD MISSIONS, 1920-1946

- I. The membership of the church mounted from 23,711 to 81,653—an increase of 344%.
- II. Baptisms have averaged 4,861 per year and have totaled 131,247 for the period.
- III. An outstanding growth is shown in the number of churches which have become self-supporting—from none to 635.
- IV. Significant growth has been registered in the number of trained personnel—from 1,427 to 2,443, an increase of 171%.
- V. The outreach of the indigenous church is indicated by the large increase in the number of outstations from 131 to 1,094—a gain of 835%.
- VI. The mission fields maintained an average of 444 schools a year for the twenty prewar years.
- VII. The number of students in the schools has averaged 15,261 per year.
- VIII. During this time, doctors and nurses have given 11,719,551 treatments.
- IX. The receipts from the field, including gifts of the church, hospital fees and school fees, have amounted to \$7,876,752.18.

Reprinted from April WORLD CALL.

• JUBBULPORE, INDIA

In this city of more than 100,000 population, the work of Disciples of Christ has been concentrated in the church, although located here also are the Mission Press and the Union High School for boys.

The Jubbulpore Christian Church has a membership of 383, and has had encouraging success in recent years among the depressed classes of the city. Seventeen were baptized last year, mostly young men. Families are urged to come into the church together. It is heartening to see how Christians from caste accept in full fellowship in the church those from the depressed classes who, outside the church, have been despised. Evangelists preaching in the outstations also report much interest among the outcasts.

Jubbulpore was glad to welcome several new missionaries last year for language study before they were assigned to regular duties in the Mission. Because three of these were second generation missionaries, they came to the field with a knowledge of the language and in a shorter time than usual they will be using it well.

The Mission Press, in spite of the close of

the war, found its work curtailed because of the regulations regarding control of paper stock. Through the Press there is provided for the Christian community our mission leaflets and booklets for use in Sunday Schools, in churches, for distribution in the homes and schools. No other Christian literature is available.



• ANOTHER GOOD NEIGHBOR

As a means not only of rendering need ed relief, but also of expressing the friendship of Americans for the people of Russia, interdenominational and Protestant "Church World Service" announced through its director, Dr. Leslie H. Moser that it has undertaken to provide warm clothing for 100,000 war-orphaned Russian children. A complete outfit for a boy or a girl, costing \$21.50, is being provided each child.

This is the first relief that Church World Service has sent to Russia, although a related inter-faith organization (now dissolved) did the same thing last year.

*"Do You Love Me?
Tend My Sheep."*



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YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

The Youth Group will go to Winona Lake June 15th-21st. To those who qualify there is a scholarship that pays for half of the cost. All those who desire to go should inform the superintendent, minister, or secretary of the church at once.

Intermediate Camp June 15-19th. This five day camp is for youth from twelve years and up who can qualify. For these the scholarship covers one-half of the cost at the camp. Be sure to get your application in as early as possible.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF EVANGELISM

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Glenn Miller as the new chairman of our Evangelism program, whose appointment was made known at this writing by the Chairman of the Official Board, Owen Vaught.

MEN'S FORUM

Due to the double holidays the Men's Forum for next Sunday has been postponed.

ELDERS FOR JUNE

June 1—Myron M. Cole, Albert Egly	June 22—Ray Barnett, Harry G. Hiler
June 8—John F. Davis, Owen Vaught	June 29—A. M. Campbell, John M. Fitch
June 15—Hugh D. Rice, P. H. Somers	

DEACONS FOR JUNE

Charles Young, Captain, A-56755; J. E. Tracey, Ass't. Captain; J. W. Haffner, Paul E. Parsons, Charles J. Kollman, R. J. Rousseau, K. W. Sefton, Vaughn Brickley. If unable to serve please call your Captain.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Dorcas Circle will meet with Mrs. Earl Fusselman, 1308 W. Wayne St., Thursday, June 5th.

Rachel Circle will meet with Mrs. F. H. Rogers, 3021 Weisser Park, Tuesday, June 3rd, at 2:00 P.M. Mrs. Clyde Driver is in charge of the program and Mrs. M. Wagner will give the devotions

There are a few pie plates belonging to the ladies who donated pies for the supper. Will you please get them in the Church kitchen.

Naomi Circle will meet with Mrs. E. L. Jordan, R. R. 6, Wednesday afternoon, June 4.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. Jos. Siples, 1127 Charlotte Ave., June 6th at 8:00 P.M.

OFFICIAL BOARD SUPPER

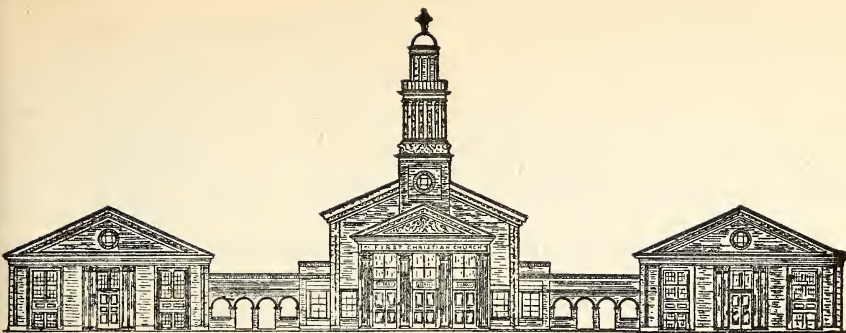
On Wednesday, June 11th, the Official Board will meet for their monthly meeting at the supper hour. A representative from one of Fort Wayne's most successful churches will explain the plan they are using. **Every member** should plan to be present for this occasion.

PROPOSED PLANS FOR NEW BUILDING

Last Sunday proposed plans for our new church building were on display. Many saw these plans at that time. These plans will be on display next Sunday. Be sure to look these over. A Committee of fifty and more are to study carefully the needs and explore the possibilities in our new location.

ILLNESS

Mr. A. R. Richardson is a patient in the Methodist Hospital, Room 308.



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WHAT IS SO RARE AS A DAY IN JUNE

Be In Church Each Sunday in June

THIS SUNDAY

Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: Making a Go Out of Living.

To our worshippers the morning service means very much. Here we keep our appointment with our Master about His Table. Here we find consolation for our sorrow, new incentives and aspirations for our endeavors, forgiveness for our sins, joy and fellowship with our brethren as we join in the worship of our God.

Each Sunday sees new faces in our congregation. Many are becoming members of our church. These are days when you should speak to others about becoming Christians. **HELP YOUR CHURCH TO GROW.**

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Last Sunday our children gave us some fine conceptions concerning their work in the Children's House. The participants gave their program with marked ability—in some instances far beyond their years. It was a fine Children's Day Program.

We honor the Christian people who are giving of their time and talents in this great work of instructing our boys and girls in the teaching of the Church and its principles of Christian living.

The Children's Day offering is being held over through next Sunday.

CHURCH BOARD TO HAVE SUPPER

Wednesday, June 11th — 6:15 P.M.

At this meeting we shall have for our guest Edward K. Schmidt, an officer in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church who will describe the program which his church is successfully carrying forward. This church with a comparatively few members moved to South Anthony Blvd. Today it has one of the most beautiful church plants, a very progressive program and a constantly increasing membership.

Following the dinner there will be the regular meeting of the Official Board. Every member is urged to be present.

• INSTITUTES FOR MINISTERS

The seventh and last of a series of institutes for Negro ministers of Christian Churches has just been completed at Goldsboro, North Carolina. In all, more than 100 ministers were in attendance.

The program this year was given over to the discussion of methods by which the program activities of the "Crusade for a Christian World" may be carried out in the local church.

Mr. C. L. Parks, director of Church Development and Evangelism for the National Christian Missionary Convention, was the director of the institutes.

• TEACHING RELIGION

The place of the Sunday school in the teaching of religion in America will be considered for four days—July 23 to 27—by some 10,000 volunteer church teachers and officers at the twenty-first quadrennial International Sunday School Convention at Des Moines, Iowa, under the auspices of the International Council of Religious Education.

In light of the goal in the Crusade for a Christian World to enlist 300,000 new members in our Sunday schools, this convention should be of vital importance to Disciples of Christ.



• NEW WORK IN PARAGUAY

Through the years a magnificent mission work has been accomplished by Disciples of Christ in Asuncion Paraguay, through Colegio Internacional and through the church in that city. But Paraguay is predominantly rural. It is logical to conclude that a well directed program of rural evangelism should make a vital contribution to the life of the nation, and we are now able to inaugurate such a work.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Adams, recently arrived in Paraguay, have been assigned to start this program. Mr. Adams tells about the location which has been selected:



Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Adams

"Coronel Oviedo corresponds to a county seat town, and is located about ninety-five miles east of Asuncion and thirty miles north of Villarrica which is Paraguay's second city.

"The town itself is not very different from other towns of Paraguay. It is strictly a rural community. Its streets have not been paved and many of them are unrecognizable as streets except for the houses on either side and the foot path or oxcart trail that indicates some traffic.

"During the early hours of the morning there is a bustle of life as farmers in oxcarts or on foot move about at their mar-

keting. The market itself is full of all sorts of sounds, especially of women talking and bargaining. The old Indian language Guaraní, is heard everywhere.

"The principal products of this territory are petit grain, tobacco and cotton. It is a newer section, possibly a bit more progressive and prosperous than any other sections."

"Because of its size (2500), its bus service (four times daily each way) which makes it accessible to other towns nearby and its rural population, Coronel Oviedo seems an ideal place for beginning a program of rural evangelism in Paraguay."



Jesus said, *"You will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses at Jerusalem, throughout all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*



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OUR CHURCH CONTINUES TO GROW

Just about every Sunday sees new members added to our Church. We are indeed a growing church. The new program into which our church is moving is attracting many of the younger couples who are looking forward to days ahead for their home and their children. Our common sharing of a beautiful modern church will be a continued inspiration. To be a member in these days when plans are taking shape that will chart our program for decades ahead is a real and thrilling experience. **MAKE THESE DAYS SACRED IN YOUR HEART.** For it to be said in years to follow that one had an active part in the building of a great church is a fulfillment devoutly to be desired. The honor roll of those who are giving to the building of a modern and adequate church plant is growing. If you have not done so, send your pledge to the church office as soon as possible.

SERVICE FOR BLESSING THE CHILDREN

David Alan Shockney, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Shockney, Janet Mae Sentman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sentman, Edward Alan Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bell, David Max Banet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Banet, were in the service for the blessing of the children on last Sunday. This service is held twice a year. The next service will be on Christmas Sunday.

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

At eleven-thirty on Sunday morning the very hour our service for blessing the children was being conducted, a little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rousseau, at the Methodist Hospital. We congratulate them and send best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Rousseau and their little daughter and her sister and brother. Mr. Rousseau is the treasurer of the church.

AMONG THE SICK

Mrs. Craighead on East Leith is confined to her bed after suffering a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. B. W. Lerversee is confined to her bed, but is doing very nicely at this writing.

Mrs. Amanda Parks has been moved to her home from the hospital where she was taken after fracturing her hip.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

On June 20, at 8:00 P.M. will be a World Tour Party for members of the church and their families, sponsored by the Woman's Council. There will be games and refreshments.

The Martha Circle will meet with Mrs. Martin Kimble, June 11, for a potluck dinner at 12:30 P.M.

EVENING GUILD

The Guild will meet with Mrs. Lorea Kuhlman, 4125 Warsaw St., Monday, June 9th. Mrs. Valetta Geerken will have the devotions. Miss Wood will be the guest speaker. She will show pictures and tell of her experiences while working with the Red Cross in India during the war.

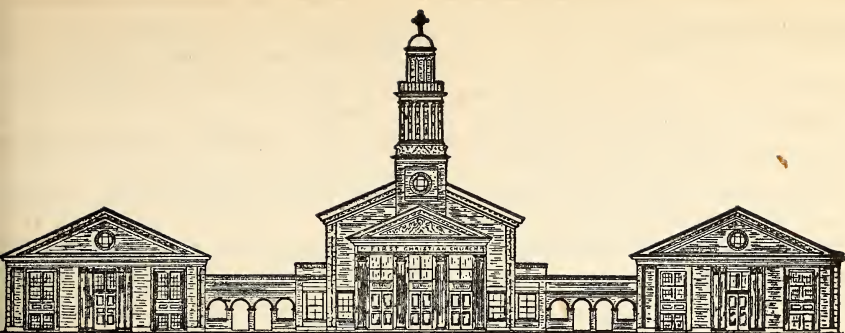
INTERNATIONAL AND WORLD CONVENTIONS

At Buffalo, July 29 to August 7. Pre-registration fee for each Convention is \$1.50. Blanks for pre-registration and for hotel room and private home room reservations are available in the Church Office. Mrs. Vaught is the Registrar for this Church. We urge you to make your reservations early.

STATE CONVENTION

Many of our people are to attend the State Convention. Quite a number will drive over on Saturday. The convention is at Winona Park, Warsaw, Indiana.

WE HONOR OUR 1947 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: Miss Carol Wilson, Miss Jean Wilkens, Miss Donna Blair, Miss Mildred Martin, Miss Donna Jean Akers, Miss Patricia Conrad, Mr. Leonard Horn.



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**Sunday Is Father's Day and
Achievement Sunday**

Morning Worship—10:30 A.M.

Sermon: FINDING GOD IN OUR LIVING

CHURCH SCHOOL—9:30 A.M.

Youth attending our Young People's Conferences and Our Intermediate Camp will leave Sunday afternoon. They will represent our church.

Keep Up our attendance. Come to the Church School Sunday.

CRUSADE FOR A CHRISTIAN WORLD

From time to time our membership will be receiving literature which tell of the great Crusade our Brotherhood is carrying through. One item in this crusade is a goal of 900,000 new members by 1950.

During The month of June

All the organizations of our church and the classes of our church school are to carry on discussion analyzing and evaluating the work we are doing. There should be long range planning conferences. Goals for the coming year are to be set in motion.

This Sunday is achievement Sunday.

This Sunday follows the largely attended Official Board Supper, where a plan for vitalizing our church was presented. This Sunday is to be the spring board for the future, when we shall face the challenge that lies before us.

YOU SHOULD BE IN CHURCH SUNDAY

BRING THE FAMILY TO WORLD TOUR PARTY

Thursday Evening, June 20th—7:45 P.M.

Lots of Fun — Games of all kinds — Contests — Refreshments.

This party being sponsored by the **Woman's Council**. It is for the members of the church and their families. Special arrangements for children.

MOVIES WILL BE A PART OF THE PROGRAM

With a committee composed of Mrs. L. A. Sentman and Mrs. Jack Varner, assisted by Mrs. Dale Hiler, we are sure to have a good time. Mrs. Floyd Morrical and Mrs. Ruth Anderson are in charge of refreshments. Mrs. H. W. Sigrist is president of the Council.

DO NOT MISS THIS PARTY . . THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU . . COME SEE THE CHURCH WHEN IT IS HAVING FUN

● "SEEK YE FIRST

Emphasizing the need for a Christian United States and a Christian Canada, if these nations are to be heard when they proclaim the gospel abroad, the Foreign Missions Conference of North America has appealed to the churches of the continent "to take every possible measure to meet their responsibility for Christianizing the people of our two countries, and their corporate life; to give serious consideration to ways and means of eliminating racial discrimination within and without the church, the habit of placing personal gain ahead of the common welfare in industrial relations, and the practice of maintaining a high standard of living without regard to the necessities of other people."



● ANNUAL REPORT

ARGENTINE MISSION

Organized churches—5

Belgrano, Colegiales, Saavedra, Villa Mitre in Buenos Aires; Resistencia.

Preaching points—4

Olivos (Buenos Aires), Villa Libertad, Tirol, Villa Hipolitoc Irogoyen (Chaco).

Members—345

Belgrano—78, Colegiales—100, Saavedra—42, Villa Mitre—77, Resistencia—48.

Baptisms—22

Colegiales—5, Saavedra—1, Villa Mitre—8, Resistencia—8.

Sunday School Enrollment—451

Belgrano—140, Colegiales—57, Saavedra—50, Villa Mitre—59, Olivos—35, Resistencia—110.

Enrollment in young people's societies—85

Belgrano—25, Colegiales—30, Resistencia—30.

Women's Societies—4

Kindergartens—2

Intermediate Societies—2

Young Married People's Groups—1

I NEVER cross a marble portico,
Or lift my eyes where stained glass windows
steal

From virgin sunlight moods of deeper
glow,

Or walk dream-peopled streets, except to
feel

A hush of reverence for that vast dead
Who gave us beauty for a crust of bread.

—Anderson M. Scruggs



● CHRISTIAN LEADERS

Chinese educational leaders point out that there are hundreds of men and women graduates of China's thirteen Christian colleges and universities who are today helping to shape that nation's destinies. They name the following as among the more famous of the Christian-school trained: Dr. T. V. Soong, the premier of China; Dr. Wellington Koo, chairman of the Chinese delegation to the United Nations; Dr. Wu Yifang, the first woman to sign the U. N. Charter; Dr. Francis C. M. Wei, chairman of the People's Political Council; Dr. Hsioh-ren Wei, U. N. adviser on atomic energy; Dr. Chiwen Chang, U. N. food and agriculture adviser; Mrs. Way-sung New, of the Economic and Social Council of U. N.; Dr. Y. C. Yang, of the Economic and Social Council of U. N.; Mrs. Min-hsien Kiang, of the World Health Assembly of U. N.; and George Wu, of the World Council of Churches, Geneva.



(The Cover)

Sunday, March 16, was Woman's Day in the Christian Church at Hofei, China. Three of the local women, who have come to gray-haired maturity in the church, had charge of the service. One of them, Miss Tsai, spoke from Isaiah 61 as follows:

"We are the meek to whom good tidings have been preached, the broken hearted the captives to whom liberty has been proclaimed. We are the ones who have garland for ashes and the oil of joy for mourning."

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Remember Our Building Program In Your Prayers "We Love Thy Church, O God."

Therefore, when we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for present delight nor for present use alone. Let it be such a work as our descendants will thank us for. Let us think, as we lay stone on stone, that a time is to come when these stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them, and that men will say, as they look upon the labor and the wrought substance of them, "See, this our Father did for us." —John Ruskin
EXCEPT THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE, THEY LABOR IN VAIN THAT BUILD IT.

—Psalm 127:1

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The general meeting of the Woman's Council will be Tuesday, June 17; Executive 1:30 P.M. Program 2:15 P.M. The Martha Circle will have charge of the program and the Ruth Circle will have charge of the Devotions.

ORCHIDS

To Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Durfee. Each Sunday when we see a beautiful vase of flowers, we are indebted for their arrangement to Mrs. Durfee. Mr. Durfee has not missed a week in many months in calling upon prospective members. Many of the new members we have been receiving have had their first introduction to First Christian through Mr. Durfee.

To our Superintendent and Associate Superintendent, Mr. Dale Parkerson and Mr. L. A. Sentman, for a fine Children's day program, and the good promotion work they are doing for our Church School.

OUR STATE CONVENTION

According to information received here there were around 2000 in attendance at the State Convention at Winona Lake. This is the largest attendance in the history of our churches in Indiana.

ON COMMITTEE

Mrs. Robert T. Beck, wife of our minister, was elected to serve for two years as alternate for Indiana on the Recommendation Committee of the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ.

IN JUNE BETHANY CHURCH GUIDE

Our Minister has an article in the June number of the Bethany Church School Guide. He has written on the general subject of the **Open Forum**. A few months ago our pastor had another article on "Counselling the Christian Way" in this magazine. This magazine is for Church school officers and teachers.

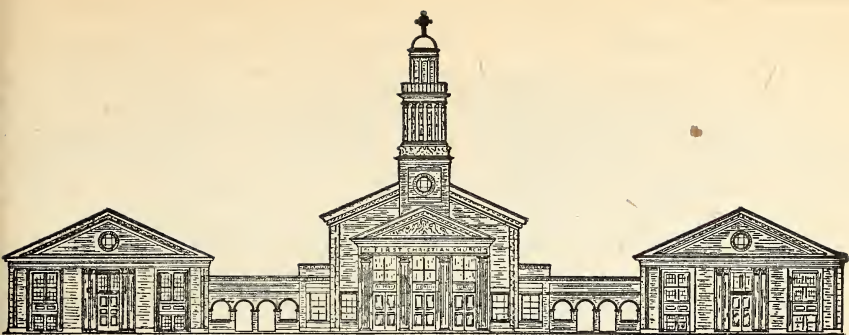
HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL AND THE WORLD CONVENTION?

(July 29th — Aug. 7th — Buffalo, N. Y.)

Buffalo's outstanding choral group, the Angelus Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Kenneth Gill, will provide special music in connection with the spectacular pageant to be given at the International Convention on Saturday night, Aug. 2.

The gigantic Communion Service to be conducted jointly by the International and World Conventions at Buffalo this summer is under the direction of F. E. Davidson, minister of the Church of Christ at South Bend, Indiana.

Advance registrations for the International and World Conventions to be held this summer are coming in rapidly. The officers of the Conventions urge that you register NOW. This will greatly assist the local entertaining committee in knowing how many homes and hotel rooms to provide.



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SUNDAY IS ROSE SUNDAY

MORNING WORSHIP 10:10 A.M.

Our church will be beautifully arranged with flowers. Members are asked to send bouquets of roses from their gardens as a special offering this Sunday. A committee composed of Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mrs. Delmas Young, Mrs. J. C. Koegel, Mrs. David Hogg, Mrs. E. R. Harris, Mrs. L. J. Bedford, Mrs. Ruth Anderson will arrange the flowers in the sanctuary of the church. Please bring your flowers, if possible, by Saturday afternoon.

Sermon Subject — "Thus Saith The Lord. In A Rose".

Please Note our Worship Service is on Summer Schedule — 10:10 A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Teachers and officers are asked to remember that beginning this Sunday there will be no opening exercises. Classes will assemble immediately. This is arranged for the summer.

OUR PEOPLE PAY THEIR PLEDGES

To the Building Fund. First of the monthly payments to the Building Fund are being made at this time. It is most encouraging to see that there is just about 100 per cent response by the people who made pledges.

To the General Fund of the Church. Our people are faithful and loyal in support of their church program. Those who have pledged are just about 100 per cent in their payments. The **Honor Roll** will be published at the end of this month showing the names of those who are paid in full for the first six months.

Missionary Year Ends June 30th. The missionary year for the co-operative missionary work of the Disciples of Christ ends on June 30th. We are a co-operative church, being among the liberal supporters of our united work. In order to maintain the high standards we have established through the years, it is necessary that as soon as possible we get our missionary offerings into the treasury of our church and the Woman's Council.

WORLD CALL subscription should be turned in at once so that we may maintain the high records we have established in the last year. Renew your subscription now, if you have not subscribed get your subscription in at once.

● COMING OF AGE

Miss Alice Clark, secretary of the Nurses Auxiliary of the Christian Medical Association of India, has traveled 6000 miles in India since her return last October. In a recent letter she describes a nurses' conference at Ratlam, which was presided over by an Indian male nurse and conducted entirely by Indian nurses. A group of our Bilaspur nurses attended. According to Miss Clark such a conference would not have been possible five years ago, but today, "It is amazing the 'adulthood' feeling the Indians have suddenly developed. Something has taken hold of them to inspire confidence in themselves." From another source we quote, "Nationalism is the religion of the moment and political independence is salvation."



● BRAZILIAN EDUCATION

The government of Brazil has gone "all out" in its plans to make its people literate. Millions of dollars have been spent and thousands of teachers have been employed in cooperation with the educators of the Protestant churches of Brazil in promoting the so-called Laubach method of teaching people to read. There is a seemingly endless chain of persons whose slogan is "Each one teach one" by the simple method first used by Dr. Laubach in missions in the Philippines.



● JAPANESE MISSIONARIES

The Protestant churches of the United States will send 500 or more missionaries to Japan during the next three years, it is announced by Dr. Luman J. Shafer, chairman of the Japan Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. The Conference represents 123 mission agencies in North America. There are now (returned since the war) 65 experienced Protestant missionaries in Japan. The added group, mostly new recruits, will include specialists in medicine, agriculture, science, pedagogy, and social services. Eight American Protestant church leaders will

visit Japan this summer to help arrange for the placing of new missionaries there, and also to arrange for young Japanese Christian leaders to come to America for further religious training.



● A NEW CHURCH DEDICATED

With the cooperation of two Christian Churches in Corpus Christi, Texas, a new Spanish-speaking church has been formed in the Mexican Mission of Disciples of Christ by The United Christian Missionary Society.

In this city, where from eight to ten thousand Spanish-speaking people have come in through the war years for work in the shops particularly, a property has been acquired and a building erected which will house the minister and his family as well as providing space for the meetings of the congregation at present.

A week's program of intensive study, survey work and evangelistic services by seven Spanish-speaking ministers of our churches preceded the dedication of the building on May 11, and the installation of Senor Abel Charles as pastor. Sr. Charles has been pastor of our Mexican Christian Church at San Benito, Texas, for the last several years.



● CRUSADE GOALS

Mrs. Mae Yoho Ward returning from a recent visit to Jamaica and Puerto Rico brought the goals which the two missions had set for achievement in the world-wide Crusade for a Christian World.

	Jamaica	Puerto Rico
Church Members.....	1500	2500
National Workers.....	3	11
Sunday Schools.....	12	9
S. S. Enrollment.....	1200	3500
Y. P. Organization		
Enrollment.....	130	570
Increased Gifts.....	6250.00	20000.00
Student Ministers.....		6



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SUGGESTIONS ARE SOLICITED

A proposed plan for our new church building has been exhibited at the back of the church each Sunday for nearly a month. Do you have suggestions on arrangement of rooms, activities which should be considered, any other suggestions will be appreciated to be referred to the committee of **Fifty and More** which will be meeting sometime in the near future.

REMEMBER!

Our Worship Service Begins at 10:10 A.M. This Sunday and will continue through the Summer!

LOYAL REAPERS

The Loyal Reapers Class will hold a Potluck dinner at the home of Mrs. M. Kimble, 1241 W. Branning Ave., Sunday, June 22, immediately following the Morning Worship Service at the Church.

WORLD TOUR PARTY

For the whole Church Friday, May 20, at 7:45 P.M.

YOUNG PEOPLE ATTEND CONFERENCE

Miss Margaret Powers, Miss Marlene Gaskill, Miss Betty Ragan, John Gaskill, Kenneth Schrecongast, Jimmy Davis are attending Young People's Conference and camp this week. Mrs. Charles Dare is one of the instructors and leaders at Lake Wawasee this week.

NOTES

Miss Harriet Trease who for the past year headed the state organization of Job's Daughters, was hostess with the local chapter to organizations of the state. The group from Noblesville attended our services Sunday in a body. We congratulate Miss Trease on the high honor that has been her's during the past year.

There were over 2,000 delegates to the State Convention of our churches, the largest in the history of the Churches of Christ of Indiana.

If you are going to the International and World Conventions, you should register as early as possible.

A NEW PROSPECT FOR FIRST CHRISTIAN

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Bailey on the birth of a daughter on June 7th. Both baby and mother are doing nicely.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mr. Jerome Wellman is confined more or less to his home at 3012 Beaver Avenue. Mr. Wellman is 93 years old. He is delighted to reminisce with those who visit him. He has a keen interest in the church.

Mrs. John Judy, who is suffering from a fractured vertebrae, is up and about the house, but is forced to be very careful for many days ahead.

Mr. Howard Horn underwent an operation this last week; he is now home again and is doing nicely.

Mrs. Myrtle Strout who underwent an operation at the hospital is doing nicely at this writing.

BY WAY OF COMPARISON

Just how IMPORTANT IS THE CHURCH in your scale of living?

35c—Cost of daily and Sunday newspaper.

1.00—Weekly cost of a telephone.

\$2.00—Weekly cost of electricity.

\$2.00—Weekly cost of movie tickets for family of five.

\$5.00—Minimum weekly cost of maintenance and operation of pleasure automobile.

What place should "the good news"—our hope for time and eternity—have in our budgets?

—Christian Builder.



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SUNDAY, JUNE 29th

Morning Worship, Sunday 10:10 A.M.

Please keep in mind that our service is on summer schedule.

Sermon—"How God Can Help Us Live In Our World."

Be in your place this Sunday. Give your Church and God this opportunity each Sunday!

Church School 9:30 A.M.

Remember, go immediately to your classes. There will be no opening program. The classes will be dismissed early. If you are planning a trip for Sunday, come to Sunday School and Church, first.

SUNDAY, JULY 6th

Young people who went to our Youth Conference and to Summer Camp will present the program at the church service. Plan to be present the next Sunday, also.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE?

What about the person who is not an alcohol addict? He has no personality maladjustments, he says he can "take it or leave it." So why not drink occasionally and moderately? Thousands do that without becoming drunkards. "Of course people who are emotionally unstable or suffering from inferiority complexes or unresolved inner conflicts ought not to drink," they say, "but I am not mentally ill. I have a well ordered mind. So alcohol is no menace to me. Why shouldn't I drink?"

There are at least four reasons for total abstinence for all of us, whether we are members of "Alcoholics Anonymous" or not:

1. None of us is absolutely and uniformly free from mental conflicts and depressions. The habit of drinking too much grows up very insidiously and may capture you at some weak moment when things go wrong and the temptation to escape by way of alcohol is great. Every chronic alcoholic began as an occasional or moderate drinker sure of his power of self-control.

2. Alcohol, in any case, is a very dangerous drug because it impairs the powers of judgment and discrimination even when taken in relatively small quantities. You don't have to be an addict to cause an automobile wreck or a moral tragedy. Two or three drinks may do it.

3. Personally I don't drink because I want at all times to be absolutely and completely in control of my mental machinery. I take an anesthetic only when administered by a doctor.

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● PROBLEMS OF THE CHURCH

In the United States, as churches have sought to relate their activities to the upsurging needs of people in an area of recovery from a world war, some of the problems faced have been:

—Entirely new communities, with large populations, which have grown up around our large industrial cities;

—New agricultural communities, especially in the areas of government reclamation and irrigation projects;

—The movement of millions of Negroes from South to North, and the resultant congregation of large groups in certain cities;

—The return of Japanese - Americans to western centers;

—Rural communities with declining populations;

—The change in many centers of large foreign-born populations, where only English is now spoken by the second generation.

In the midst of these changes, the service of the church must change, if it is to serve in an adequate way. Even the location of the church, the type of building and ministry must be changed, if need be, so that Christ may be preached.



● LIFE IN INDIA

"Life in India is not as easy as life at home. The few servants we have don't make up for the servants which we left behind in America—water systems, electricity, telephones, grocery stores, drug stores, dime stores (what I'd give for ten minutes in one), and all the rest which you probably don't appreciate.

"But life does not consist of those comforts, and the real satisfaction can be found wherever one is doing work which he feels to be significant and the results of which he can see."

—WILLIAM D. HALL
Missionary to India

● I VISITED RESISTENCIA

"Were Jesus to speak the parable of the sower in Resistencia, those representing the good soil would be those living on the outskirts of that modern industrial city; those who live, not in electric lighted homes, but in floorless mud brick houses with thatched roofs.

"As I sat in the family circle in the Maidana home, I felt the warmth of real Christian love. Eyes shone with expectancy when Sunday School was mentioned. Elsa and her four brothers and sisters have now shown the way to the 'culto' (the little thatched meeting house) to their parents and many cousins.

"The Villanueva family have moved so as to be near the 'culto' even though it means a long walk to work for the father. The parents of the Dure family have been praying for just such an opportunity to help in Christian work. Fourteen-year-old Ramon holds the key and thrills with the duty of arriving to open the door, take the plank from the window, turn the chairs upright, and prepare for the services.

"The thirty members of this two-year-old church are mostly from the humble homes, some as far as twenty blocks away and they come in on foot, be the sun ever so hot."

—HALLIE LEMON,
Missionary to Buenos Aires



Primary Department of the Resistencia Sunday School



His Infinite Riches

*He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater,
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase.
To added affliction, He addeth his mercy;
To multiplied trials His multiplied peace.*

*When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,
When we have reached the end of our hoarded resources,
Our Father's full giving has only begun.*

*His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,
His power no boundary known unto men,
For out of His infinite riches in spirit,
He giveth and giveth and giveth again.*

—Author Unknown

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4. And then what about your example? When I know that thousands of men are struggling for freedom from their drug addiction through "Alcoholics Anonymous," for whom a single drink may mean a dangerous relapse, I don't want to offer even a cocktail to such a man. I prefer, by my example, to stand beside him as a total abstainer.—From Radio Broadcast by Albert W. Palmer.

DON'T DELAY YOUR EXPRESSION OF LOVE FOR THE CHURCH

Recently a man died with unsigned papers that would have given this church a magnificent sum. Years of thought, prayer and effort had gone into the development of that matter. Treasurer Noon accompanied me on one of the visits and made helpful suggestions—but alas! Combinations of circumstances prevented completion of the gift before he died. First Church lost a handsome resource and my friend was deprived of fulfilling a cherished dream. My reason for mentioning these matters is that some of YOU are thinking of doing for the church but are postponing definite action. The church has a list of able lawyers who will assist you without expense. Do not delay!—James W. Fifield, in The Meeting House.

HAVE WE REACHED OUR MISSIONARY GOALS?

June 30th is the close of the Missionary year. All organization leaders should make it a point to check with your Treasurers regarding your funds for Missions. These must be in the office of Headquarters by June 30th, in order for your Church to receive credit in the new Year Book.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

We wish to congratulate Mrs. Kenneth Clark on the birth of a daughter. We welcome this new prospective member. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Drewett, 507 High St., are the grandparents.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Myrtle Strout, 1404 Fletcher Ave. Mr. O. G. Schell, 3010 S. Lafayette. Mrs. Mary DeWitt, 1215 Huestis Ave., is a patient in room 307, Methodist Hospital.

OBERVATIONS

Last Sunday our sanctuary was a bower of roses. Many brought vases of flowers. Tommy Campbell, a boy of 9 years, when he heard that members were bringing flowers as an offering, brought his vase of roses which he had gathered from his garden. A fitting climax to the service was the receiving of three new members.

Last Friday was our church family night. We discovered that our people are ingenious when it comes to planning a party. The whole family has fun. Some one said, "You really come to know the church people when you come to a family night party." We say let's have another one.

Our Youth. Our Youth returned bubbling over after their experience at conference. Let us encourage our young people. Let us help make Christianity joyful and interesting.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Ruth Group will meet with Mrs. Etta Lomont, 1126 Fairfield Ave., Tuesday afternoon, July 1st.

THE CHRISTIAN CRUSADER

The Christian Crusader will go into the homes of our membership. This is a magazine put out by our Brotherhood and giving the program for the "Crusade For a Christian World" which will be launched July 1, 1947 and carry through 1950.

EMILY E. FLINN HOME ANNUAL MEETING—JULY 27

Sunday, July 27, 1947 at 2:00 P.M. Sermon by William T. Percy, Representative Board of Church Extension, Indianapolis. His subject: "The Ministry of the Church". There will be a Communion Service, Fellowship Service and Preaching Service. Good singing, Christian fellowship and Inspiration await all who come. First Church, Fort Wayne, should be well represented.



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SERVICE, SUNDAY, JULY 6 — 10:10 A.M.

The services Sunday will be in charge of the young people who participated in our Young Peoples Conference and our Youth Camp.

The program will be more than a report. Short talks will be made by Miss Betty Ragan, Miss Marlene Gaskill, Miss Margaret Powers, Miss Gail Parsons, John Gaskill, James Davis.

Their general theme will be, "Youth In the Church."

Come — Worship — Be inspired by our young people.

Church School at 9:30

Teachers and members are asked to remember that we go directly to our classes during the shortened summer period.

EYES TO SEE GOD

The reason people won't see, is found in the fact that they cannot see when selfishness dims their vision. Jesus experienced this and left a warning, "Woe unto Them who have eyes and see not." The Priests were satisfied and selfish and saw no earthly reason for His forward program. They called it ridiculous and blasphemous. Many turned from Jesus, even though they liked to hear Him speak. They could not enter into His plans. They knew these would replace the old things and they were right. But it was left to Judas selfishly to do the most abhorrent thing. He didn't believe it could be done, so he gathered all the cash he could and then sought to wreck a good life.

Gamaliel was nearer right: though he wasn't able to see it clearly, he advised that nothing be done to obstruct this program—that the opposing group wait to see if it might not be the work of God. And that is just what it was. Too often people in opposing a plan and a program are opposing God and are doomed to bring failure to themselves and to those who associate with them. The Way of God is the way of Progress and more light. His is the creative Way.

People do get their eyes opened. According to Paul's description it is like scales falling from one's eyes. When hatred of the Christians gave way to love of Christ, Paul could both hear and see the vision of Christ. The way of Christ is the way of the loving heart. We can be sure if we have not the spirit of Christ we are none of His. And we know or have passed from darkness to light when we love the brethren.

YOUR CHURCH CALLS YOU TO WORSHIP SUNDAY

● COOPERATION

In Jamaica, as an effort of our missionaries to raise the people from intense economic poverty, a milk route has been established on a very small scale, run on the Rochdale principles of cooperation. It is the outgrowth of a Cooperative Study Club and Buying Club in the hills where the missionaries live.

One of our churches in the city of Kingston, fifteen miles away, has a thriving Buying Club. The plan is to link the selling of the rural group with the buying of the city group, and help both to a better economic standard.



● WITH THE CHURCH IN NANKING

The big readjustment of our Christian workers in China, and the reunion of leaders returned from the west, has largely been accomplished. The constantly increasing scale of prices on commodities evade one, but we are meeting that problem through the relief and rehabilitation fund.

The summer was a busy one. Instead of taking vacations, we were going at an even increased speed because of the constant arrivals from the west and the demands of reopening the work. Our South Gate Church had a large vacation church school for which our young people took almost entire responsibility. We cooperated in an interdenominational young people's conference, to which all but one of our stations sent delegates. We followed this by one day with our own young people.

Reopening work for our young people is an interesting study. The group who spent eight years in the occupied area find any kind of presiding or committee work entirely new, strange and difficult. I had not realized how ordinarily young people just naturally grow into that.

The fall began with a rush of students to enter mission schools. Political unrest and the use of funds for civil war keep the

● PASTOR NIEMOELLER

The Rev. Dr. Martin Niemoeller, German Lutheran pastor who defied Hitler and spent eight years in concentration camps as a result, now in America on a tour of understanding and goodwill planned by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ, is meeting with large and enthusiastic audiences.

"Adolf Hitler never succeeded in silencing the church in Germany," insists Dr. Niemoeller. "Among thinking people, Christianity has gained in esteem, because the Christian churches stood firm when confronted by a hard test. They came out of this test strengthened."

city government poor. Very few municipal high schools are open, and far too few primary schools. Meantime, more and more people keep crowding into the city. Our South Gate school is greatly overcrowded with 1300 students, including primary, junior high, and senior high. That many students are a great responsibility.

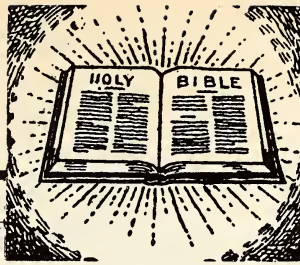
Our Chinese evangelist, Mr. Hwang, is helping some in the school and is on the job with the church the rest of the time. Our new pastor, Mr. Cheo Hsiao Chen, had to be granted a rest for the half year and his health is still poor. His wife is proving a real help.

We have ten students in the Seminary, including the short term school and refresher courses. They are helping out by supplying leadership for nearby preaching points and religious work in the city.

We are still very short of both Chinese and missionary leadership, the work seems far more than ordinarily difficult and there are great gaps untouched, yet I feel definitely that the Lord has led and blessed us. Perhaps we have all learned that reconstruction is neither quick nor easy.

—EDNA W. GISH

Missionary in Nanking



"O Word of God Incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky;

We praise Thee for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age."

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STEWARDSHIP

Remembering the Church

Each day's newspapers tell of increasing numbers of Christian people who are leaving legacies to their churches.

These gifts are usually in the form of sums for endowment, improvements, memorials, missionary support, charity, or for Church officers to apply where most needed.

Although many of these legacies are large sums, there is also a growing number of people of average means who are remembering their Churches in their wills.

It is a happy custom, that bids fair to be widely adopted. No more fruitful investment could be made to perpetuate one's influence. It insures to Christian people that "their works do follow them."

After all, we brought nothing into this world and we can carry nothing out. What more suitable disposal of God's material gifts than to place them at the disposal of His Church?

Help Build While You are Here!

Help Build When You are Gone!

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Dorcas group will hold a pot-luck supper on July 10 at 6:00 P.M. at Mac-Millan Park. The women are entertaining their husbands and children. Should it rain the picnic will be held in the church.

The Martha Group will meet in the Social Room of the Church, Wednesday, July 9, at 2:15 P.M.

ELDERS SERVING IN JULY

July 6 Robert Clipp, Albert Egly
July 13 Myron Cole, John Davis
July 20 Dale Parkerson, Hugh D. Rice
July 27 P. H. Somers, Owen Vaught

DEACONS SERVING IN JULY

Clay Orchard, Captain; Joe W. Clark, ass't. Captain; Marti.. Kimble, Grant T. Munson, Dempsey Weaver, W. H. Imbody, Cecil Rice, R. J. Richard.

If for any reason you cannot serve, please call your captain.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The regular meeting of the Board will meet Wednesday, July 9 at 7:45 P.M. at the Church.

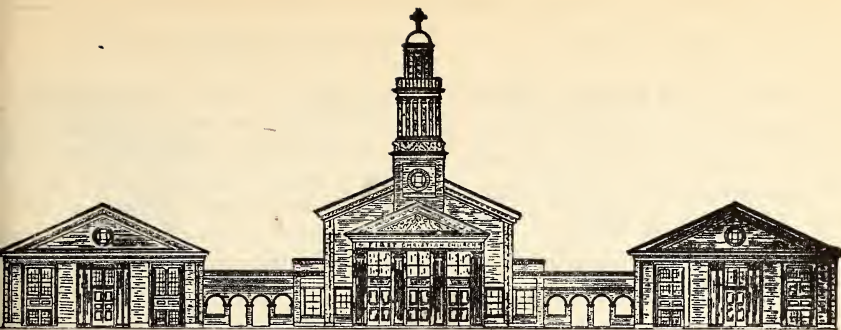
OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY

Goes to Mrs. Frank Worrell in the death of her father, Mr. Pyle of Geneva, Indiana. He was 81 years of age. The funeral services were held Wednesday.

Our sympathy goes out to Paul Parsons in the loss of his father, who lives in Sullivan, Indiana.

YOUTH—INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

W. J. Jarman says: "A worthy project for any Church or youth group would be to send the most deserving boy or girl to the Conventions, that they might gain knowledge of the scope and amplitude of our Church, be stimulated by fellowship with other young people from all over the continent, and the world, and be inspired by their participation in this democratic assembly of the Brotherhood.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP — 10:10 A.M.

Sermon: **How To Get Along With Everyone**

Last Sunday being the 4th of July Sunday with three days off from work, a small congregation was anticipated. We were pleased with the number of people present. Our young people did us proud in their report of their experience in Conference and Camp.

During these summer Sundays we have been having very good special music. Our hymn singing has been glorious and the attitude of our worshippers has been most reverent.

Remember our services are 20 minutes earlier. Come early for the whole service.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Though we are on summer schedule which means our classes meet at 9:30 A.M. the Church School has maintained a complete program of classes. Come to the church school, stay through the worship service. Bring a friend with you. Everyone has need of this study worship and fellowship.

SOFTBALL

One of the projects of our Church School is our Softball Team. Watch the daily newspapers for schedule and game location. Then support our team by your presence. Vaughn Brickley is the monitor for this team.

REMEMBERED

How shall we be remembered? Church history is full of warning and admonition. "This do in remembrance of me", said our dear Lord. And what a memory he has left. But think of the memory others have left. Ananias and Sapphira are remembered for their misrepresentations and their lies. Judas Iscariot is remembered for his traitorous act. And so we might continue.

But there are others who tried to fix a memory on others. The pharisees and the chief priests tried to fix a lie upon Jesus. They tried to shadow his acts by the stigma of thieves and robbers. When they crucified him as thieves and traitors were crucified, these self-important people thought they had smeared him and his program for a progressive religion, they thought they would ruin him and his gospel of love. But the stigma of littleness, bigotry and murder fell upon them.

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YOUR CHURCH CALLS YOU TO WORSHIP SUNDAY

• MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

From the journal of the founder of Harvard College comes this statement indicating the emphasis given to the Church and the need for education of its ministers during the early days of our country.

"After God had carried us safe to New England, and we had builded our houses, provided necessities for our livelihood, reared convenient places for God's worship, and settled the civil government, one of the next things we longed for and looked after was to advance learning and to perpetuate it to posterity, dreading to leave an illiterate ministry to the churches when our present ministers shall lie in the dust."



• CHINA PREACHING TOUR

Miss Stella Tremaine of Wuhu, China, reports a recent trip to Wuwei (an outstation of Wuhu) with her co-evangelist, Miss Tsai:

"I've had a great experience! Leaving Wuhu, we crossed the Yangtze River in a little row-boat, then took a bus which carried twice as many people at it had seats for. We rode for three hours to Wuwei through village after village where no Christian work is being done.

"The next day we called, met with the church leaders, and held an evening evangelistic meeting in the church. On Sunday morning the church was crowded, half as many standing as sitting. Three-fourths of the group were not Christians but forty-eight persons took communion. In the afternoon we called in other homes, preaching to crowds of neighbors who were invited in. In the evening, the pastor preached to a full house again.

"Monday morning six of us walked to a nearby village, where one of our earnest Christians lives. Here again, neighbors had been asked in and we took turns preaching

• CIVILIAN PUBLIC SERVICE

Practically all conscientious objectors to military service on religious grounds have now been released from Civilian Public Service Camps. During the six years of the war period when CPS camps were in operation, nearly 12,000 men were recognized by the government as CO's and assigned to some form of welfare service.

These objectors to war worked in forest and soil conservation, made research in agriculture, were guinea pigs in medical research, and worked in mental hospitals, among delinquent children, etc. In addition, thousands of other conscientious objectors entered military service and were assigned to the most dangerous posts of the Medical Corps.

for two hours. From there we proceeded to another village, where another prominent Christian welcomed us into his home. The entire village, 150 persons, gathered to hear the good news as well as to see the first American who had ever set foot in their little village. The service closed with an earnest testimony from our host, telling his neighbors of the joy he was experiencing as a believer in Christ.

After we had eaten, the host's brother brought out his wheelbarrow. With Miss Tsai and me balancing each other on opposite sides, we travelled the four miles back to Wuwei at a brisk pace. As he pushed us along, we kept up a steady conversation about his experiences as a Christian and the methods they were using to try to win their neighbors to Christ. He urged us to come back once a month, offering his wheelbarrow for transportation both ways.

"Now that road is wide enough for a car! Some day (soon, we hope) we can drive over that road preaching the power of Jesus Christ to these wholesome village folk."



America! America! . . .

*Crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.*



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Any who have had any experience in organizations, be they church or social organizations of the community, know what dreadful memories some people leave. We remember those who have left a memory of being always disgruntled. We recall those whose memories are dark with the ugly things that they were too free to speak of others. There come before our mind those whose attitude, presence and words blighted every high hope and fine endeavor. There are those who are like the tares whose lives bring no fruitage of harvest, but merely seeds for more tares.

But how grateful we are that this is not the whole story. For, Judas, the scribes and pharisees, the Caiaphas, for the smart boys who sought to trap Jesus, for every Ananias and Sapphira, there are James and John and Peter and Mathew, and Mary and Paul and Timothy, great souls. In our own experience in every church there are the good and the sound, the true and the faithful, the hopeful and the progressive with whom and upon whom the greater church can be built. It is these that bear up under the fussy, the over-sensitive, the easily hurt. It is the faithful who comfort the sorrowful, encourage the discouraged, who dream dreams, see visions and put their shoulder to the wheel. It is such that we remember with real gratitude in our hearts for their Christian lives.

THEY CONTINUE TO COME — AS WE PLAN FOR A GREATER CHURCH

Nine new members were received into the church during the month of June. Others are to come, in the weeks and months to follow. Many new people come to our church services. Every member should be a committee of one to see that every one feels at home in our church. NOW IS THE TIME TO TURN IN THE NAMES OF PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS.

BAKE SALE

The Dorcas Circle will have a bake sale on the Barr Street Market, Friday, July 18th.

BETHANY RALLY

The Bethany Rally will be held on July 15 and 16, at Brooklyn, Indiana. Conferences on Women's Missionary Society, Council and Children's Work will be held. We would like to have at least one car go and if you can attend please contact Mrs. Sigrist. If you wish to stay for the two days, lodging is \$1.00 per night and reservations **must** be made in advance.

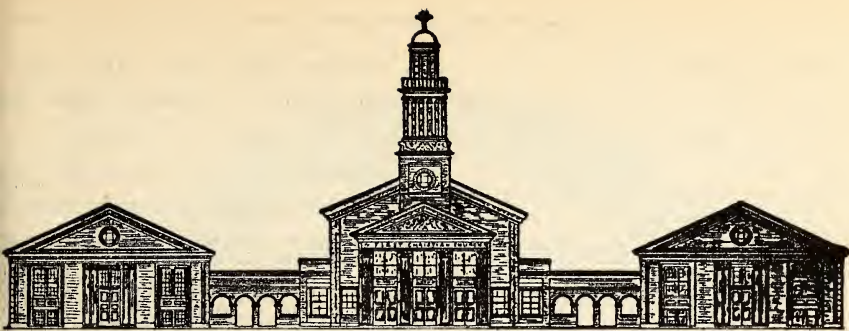
SPEAKERS — INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Some of the outstanding WORLD PERSONALITIES, including PRESIDENT TRUMAN, are to be heard at the two great Conventions of the Brotherhood which meets in Buffalo July 29 - August 7. Your reservations should be sent in NOW.

Mr. Charles Phelps Taft, President of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, will address one of the sessions of the International Convention. Mr. Taft is widely known as a churchman, jurist, business man, son of a President, and for his work in the government.

Mrs. Harper Sibley, lay leader in the Protestant Episcopal Church and President of the United Council of Church Women, is one of the speakers for the World Convention of Churches of Christ to be held in Buffalo, N. Y., in August.

Principal William Robinson of Overdale College and Birmingham University will speak at both the International Convention and the World Convention to be held in Buffalo during the summer. In Great Britain, Principal Robinson holds high rank as a scholar and is a speaker of unusual ability.



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Sunday's Services

MORNING WORSHIP 10:10 A.M.

Sermon Subject: **Drifting**

We had another fine climax to our worship service last Sunday when three came forward to make First Christian their church home.

Keep close to God this Summer. One way to do this is to be faithful in your church attendance. Another way is to win someone to the church.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Thomas Hirschy, home from Hiram College, taught the Lacoda Class last Sunday.

Following Church Service, the Progressive Class will have a get-together in Foster Park. This Sunday is Home-coming Sunday for this class.

Remember Classes go immediately to their classes this Sunday.

BITTERNESS

Few things can harm the soul more than bitterness of the heart. Hampton Adams gives the report of Edwin Markham's explanation of his poem "Outwitted". Mr. Markham said:

"Before I read that poem of four lines to you let me tell you how I happened to write it. Years ago a man whom I trusted as a friend betrayed me, and in the betrayal caused me to lose all the money I had saved. Bitterness possessed my heart. I found that I could no longer write poetry, and since poetry was my life I saw that I was done for if I could not lift that load of bitterness from my heart. Then it was that I remembered that there was a principle in my mother's religion about forgiveness. It sounded absurd; forgive one who continued to do you wrong seventy times seven times. But anyway I decided that I would try out that principle of my mother's religion. I forgave that man. I confess that I forgave him not for his sake but for my sake. I was trying to lift a load from my life. After I had forgiven him I experienced a wonderful sense of release. I could write poetry again. And out of that experience there came the inspiration to write: "Outwitted."

"He drew a circle that shut me out—
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout,
But love and I had the wit to win;
We drew a circle that took him in!"

YOUR CHURCH CALLS YOU TO WORSHIP SUNDAY

• JAPANESE CHRISTIANS

The American church people have made their first move to supply Japanese Christians with temporary worship and community centers, to replace those destroyed in the war. Twenty quonset huts have been sent by Church World Service and are now being assembled in bombed cities, including atom-bombed Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Several hundred Christian congregations are without churches in Japan. The score of huts is only the first effort to meet this need.

These centers also will be used for relief activities of the churches and American Protestant representatives. In January and February nearly a million pounds of supplies, including thirty tons of enriched skim milk were sent to the former enemy country.

Other shipments to east and southeast Asia included two tons of valuable drugs to fight tropical diseases in Siam. These medicines will augment the successful country-wide health program of Church World Service in that country.



• BLASPUR, INDIA

Pendra Road, India, located on a high dry plain, is the site of the only tuberculosis sanatorium in the Bilaspur area. Although begun by India Mission, it is now a cooperative institution and receives annual grants from the government which have helped to provide much more adequate equipment and buildings to care for the hundreds of patients which it receives each year. In addition, our Mission conducts a dispensary in the city, giving thousands of treatments each year.

The Disciples' girls' school Sumankhetan, is also located at Pendra Road. Along with the regular middle school curriculum it has industrial courses, and last year the first steps were taken to develop a vocational high school.

The membership of the Christian Church at Pendra Road is 394. Evangelistic work is done in cooperation with the Kotmi sta-

tion, thirteen miles away. The work of these two stations is closely linked since they are in an area by themselves.

A weekly bazaar is held on mission property at Kotmi, giving opportunity to preach and distribute literature to crowds who come to buy.



• ALL PEOPLE'S

A year ago on May 26, All People's organized officially as a Christian Church, in Los Angeles, California. Their first birthday was celebrated Sunday, May 25th—the Day of Pentecost.

In the evening, from 5:30 till 7:00, was a fellowship period and reception, followed by a worship service in the sanctuary.

Some of the attainments of the past year are:

Church membership—increased from 43 to 65.

Church attendance—increased from 53 to 72.

Church school—grown from four teachers and four classes to five departments and sixteen teachers.

Church school enrollment—increased from thirty to ninety-three. (average attendance—65)

Twelve person enrolled in training classes

Fourteen delegates sent to Young People's conference.

Twenty-nine delegates sent to young adult conference.

One hundred and four calls made by eighteen church members in Easter fellowship Crusade.

\$ 272.77 given in Week of Compassion.
\$1128.03 total given for missions and benevolence in nine months.



*I put my rainbow in the clouds, and
it shall be a symbol of the covenant
between myself and the world.*

—Genesis 9:13

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SOFT BALL

Remember our softball team, and if possible attended their games and back our team. The time and place can be found in the daily newspapers.

A CRUSADE FOR A CHRISTIAN WORLD

This great program is catching the imagination of our people. First Christian Church will do its share to bring a resurgence of Christian living in our day. In this great answer our brotherhood is giving to the paganism of today, You can be a part of that answer.

UNION OUTDOOR VESPER SERVICE — JULY 20, 1947

Sponsored by the Associated Churches

The first of these services will be held 6:30 P.M. Sunday, July 20 at the North Side Stadium. (In case of rain, Gymnasium North Side High.)

Mr. Wayne Guthrie, City Editor of the Indianapolis News will be the first speaker. His subject will be "Religion and the Atomic Bomb." Mr. Guthrie was one of the few reporters present at the historic atomic bomb tests at Bikini Atoll in the mid-Pacific last July. He is a dynamic speaker. He has a strong conviction that the builders of World Peace must take into consideration the teaching of the Prince of Peace.

Special music as well as a sing fest will precede the speaker. To meet the expenses an offering will be received.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

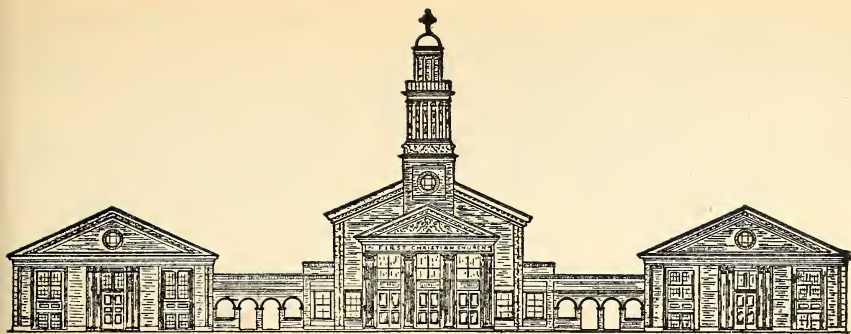
NURSERY FOR CONVENTION CHILDREN. Miss Harriet Gerber and a competent staff will conduct a nursery and playground, at St. Paul's Cathedral, for children of Conventionites. There will be a nominal charge.

YOUTH HOSTEL ACCOMMODATIONS. 1,000 Young People are expected at the two great Conventions. Special accommodations are being provided for them. High school and college young people between 16-30 will be housed in various churches. The cost will be fifty cents per night. Canvas cots will be furnished. Each person must supply own bedding, towels and soap. No meals will be served, but numerous restaurants close by. Requests for reservations should be sent to Mr. Francis O. Caifer, Chairman, 50 Lincoln Blvd., Kenmore 17, N. Y.

"**THE SALT OF THE EARTH**" is the title of the gigantic pageant telling the story of the Disciples of Christ which will be presented at the International Convention. It is under the direction of Dannis Savage of the University of Chicago and is produced with the help of Dr. Fred Eastman of the university.

Yes, the **CONVENTION COMMUNION SERVICE** will be held. Persons are still asking about it. It will mark the close of the International Convention on Sunday afternoon, August 3rd, and the opening of the World Convention. The full tide of 10,000 Conventionites is expected to flood the tremendous Memorial Auditorium.

TOURIST CAMP ACCOMMODATIONS are available in limited numbers. Reservations must be in by July 20 and should be made to Mrs. Wm. DeBoer, 199 N. Union Rd., Williamsville 21, New York.



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Number 44

MORNING WORSHIP 10:10

Sermon Subject: "Patience"

SPECIAL MUSIC

This will be the last service which our minister will preach until after his vacation. Beginning at an earlier hour you will have time for any contemplated trips. Come to Church first.

CHURCH SCHOOL, 9:30

Many new faces have been seen in our church school this summer. It is the obligation of the old members to make these people feel at home. New members coming into the church, as they are Sunday by Sunday, should find their place in the church school. Our older members can do their bit by making this come true.

THE PARABLE OF THE CANDLES

"How a little candle throws its beam, so shines a good deed in a naughty world," Shakespeare said that. Our Master spoke of his followers as those who would let their light shine. He also said, "Men do not light a candle and put it under a bushel but on the stand so all may see."

The other evening there was a pretty wedding in our church, every other pew down the main aisles held a candle. There were beautiful candles at the front of the church. At the proper time these were lighted and the effect was most beautiful.

As guests came through the door the rush of wind from the outside extinguished three or four of the candles at the back of the church. These were re-lighted by the ushers but again wind from the outside came through and blew out their light.

Learn a lesson from this parable. There are those who sit on the fringe, who occupy the seat of the scornful and take places of the scoffers. The wind of the world blows over them and their light for Christ is extinguished. Behold! the candle near the heart of the church where the Lord's Table is found, burn on brilliantly. So are they who live close to our Lord and Master. "So let your light shine that men may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

YOUR CHURCH CALLS YOU TO WORSHIP SUNDAY

CHINESE CHURCH MEMBERS

"An effort has been made to locate as many of our former church members as possible and to revise our church membership records. Three hundred and one persons were baptized during the past year, and there remains a goodly number of inquirers. The largest congregation in the Mission is at San Ho, a country town near Hobei. That church baptized 180 persons on one day in the fall of the year."

China



MONDOMBE SEMINARY

Even though the Belgian Government and commercial companies have placed two doctors on the borders of the Mondombe area in Belgian Congo, attendance at our Mission hospital increases. This past year 89,000 treatments were given.

How to care for surgical and pneumonia cases without wards or beds remains our most difficult problem. Yet the increasing prevalence of tuberculosis makes the need for an X-ray likewise urgent.

Pneumonia patients formerly treated by the witch doctor are now coming to the hospital for sulfa magic. Feverish, wasted bodies carried in an old blanket swung on a pole or lugged on the back of a relative; crying babies so anemic their lovely chocolate brown skin has turned ash gray; feeble, skinny old men and women hobbling along with the aid of a stick; men with dragging tumors that make movement and social contacts a burden—all are common sights on the paths to the hospital. There is no end to the variety of their ailments.

—FROM 1946 ANNUAL REPORT

FOREIGN STUDENTS

There are studying in the United States today 10,970 young men and 3,986 young women who have come from abroad for schooling. They represent 105 different countries, and every continent. They are enrolled in 886 colleges and universities, and in every state. The largest number

(3,264) are in New York; the largest number at any one institution are at Columbia University (1,399).

The Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students, organized largely by Protestant churches, is trying to make these students "at home" in America—arranging to have them introduced to American homes and institutions—so that they will become "ambassadors" of the American way and the Christian way when they return to their native lands.

GERMAN MISSIONS

The delay in making the treaty of peace for Germany means that the repatriation of German missionaries, cut off from their sources of funds from the beginning of the war, and the resumption of missionary work overseas by German church boards, will be further postponed. These missionaries and their work in Africa and in Asia are being generally supported by American missionary funds, through the International Missionary Council.

"German missions are literally at stake. They are vital to wholesome spiritual life in the German churches, and sound German life is essential to a democratic cooperative Germany," says Dr. L. S. Albright of the International Missionary Council.

UNION SEMINARY

The new year for Union Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina, opened on April 1, with the largest registration yet reported—fifty-eight students, counting those who are doing their year of practical work under the supervision of the Seminary.

Five denominations are represented this year with students coming from five countries. There are four Disciples of Christ students in this group. Nicolas Martinez, a Disciple student who will graduate this year, was chosen president of the student council. Juana Arregin from our Resistencia Church, Blanca Martinez and Helmer Azzati, from Buenos Aires, are the other Disciples of Christ students.



The Fields Wait

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ORCHIDS

Orchids to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Flowers for their faithfulness in the Church. Mr. Flowers has charge of the Deacons and Ushers and he is doing a splendid job. Mrs. Flowers has been working with the children in the expanded session at the Children's House during the period of the Morning Worship.

QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

Our pastor will give a paper before the Disciples of Christ group at this convention which is the first since the beginning of the World War. This convention is being held at Des Moines, Iowa. The International Council represents the interdenominational work in the field of Religious Education.

WEDDING BELLS

Rang for Miss Marilyn Miller and Robert E. Rayl on Friday evening, July 18, when they were united in marriage in a pretty ceremony by Rev. Beck. Our congratulations and good wishes go to this fine young couple.

Wedding Bells also rang for Miss Doris Sweeney and Walker W. Cramer on July 12, and for Miss Kathryn Mowry and Edward Wm. Bodkin on the 16th.

Miss Jane E. Beckett and Gail S. Jamieson were united in marriage on July 13.

IN SYMPATHY

Mr. Ralph R. Mapel, one of our fine new members, passed away recently. Burial was at New Haven. Mr. Mapel's grandfather gave the ground and helped to build the Christian church at Mapel, Indiana. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Mapel in this hour of great loss.

Our sympathy also goes out to Mrs. Richard J. Rousseau in the recent loss of her mother.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Albert Egly is confined in the Sanitorium at Martinsville, Indiana, for treatment. Let us remember these friends.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Those attending the convention at Buffalo are: Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Miller and Rev. and Mrs. Robert Beck. Mrs. Beck is a delegate on the Recommendations Committee for the convention.

ANNUAL MEETING—EMILY E. FLINN HOME

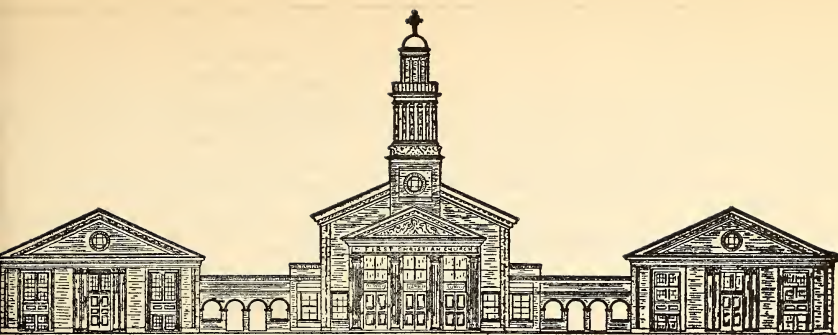
The annual meeting of the Emily E. Flinn Home will be held Sunday afternoon July 27 at 2:00 P.M. at the Home in Marion, Indiana. William T. Percy, Executive Disciples of Christ Church Extension Board, will be the guest speaker. The Emily E. Flinn Home is an interesting place to visit at all times and especially at their annual meeting. Please try to attend.

LAYMEN PROMINENT IN CONVENTION PROGRAM

Ten excellent features, conducted by laymen, and layman-centered in content, will enhance the value of the International and World Conventions. These features include an address by Charles P. Taft, President of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America; a panel discussion on "The Work of the Church Board" conducted by laymen; an address by William H. McKinney, new Exec. Sec. of the National Layman's League; Reg. Ennis, Australian layman, will bring an address on "A Layman's Love for the Church"; and many others.

CONVENTION RECEPTION

One of the attractive features of the International Convention will be a reception honoring Past Presidents of the Convention, Former General Secretary, Officers and Member of the International Convention Executive Committee. It will be held in the Fellowship Room of Memorial Auditorium, Friday, August 1, at 9:30 P.M.



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MORNING WORSHIP 10:10

Mr. Frank Ruf — Guest Speaker

Sermon subject: "Reserve Power"

SPECIAL MUSIC

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Frank Ruf, Secretary of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne, will be the speaker next Sunday morning. We will be having guest speakers each Sunday during August while our pastor is away on vacation. It behooves each of us to make ourselves personally responsible for a good attendance each Sunday this month. We owe it to our guests. Come, and bring your friends.

CHURCH SCHOOL—9:30

There is an urgent need for regular and substitute teachers in our Church School. You can serve by offering yourself to fill one of these places. Don't wait to be asked but get in touch with Mr. L. S. Sentman, Assistant Superintendent, or the Church office and volunteer your services. Both men and women teachers are needed.

"He has not served who gathers gold,
Nor has he served whose life is told
In selfish battles he has won
Or deeds of skill that he has done,
But he has served who now and then
Has helped along his fellowmen."

—Author Unknown.

THE ART OF LIVING

"The supreme art of life above all other arts is the art of living together justly and charitably. There is no other thing that is so taxing, requiring so much education, so much wisdom, so much practice, as the how to live with our fellowmen. In importance this art exceeds all productive industries which we teach our children. All skill and knowledge aside from that is as nothing. The business of life is to know how to get along with our fellowmen."

—H. W. Beecher.

OUTDOOR UNION VESPER SERVICE

The Outdoor Union Vesper Service of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne will be Sunday, August 3, at 6:30 P.M. in the North Side High School Stadium. Dr. Myron Pontius will be the speaker and Mr. Homer Rodeheaver will be the song leader. In the event of rain the meeting will be held in the North Side High School gymnasium.

YOUR CHURCH CALLS YOU TO WORSHIP SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

During the Crusade for A Christian World, now being conducted by Disciples of Christ, the goal for Sunday school enrollment for Christian Churches is an increase of ten per cent each year, anticipating a total of 1,300,000 by 1950.

In the last two years the enrollment has increased as follows:

Enrollment (1944)	999,489
Gain (1945)	14,190
Enrollment (1945)	1,013,679
Gain (1946)	25,905
Enrollment (1946)	1,039,584
Total gain	40,095

These figures are for Christian Churches in the United States and Canada.



ADULT EDUCATION

The twenty-first birthday of the American Association for Adult Education finds the organization with the largest membership, the widest geographic spread, the best organizational inclusiveness in its history. The Association was founded in 1926 in Chicago by a group of some sixty persons recruited after a year and a half's national and regional survey of the varied but unorganized activities in this special field of adult education. Today there are between 2,700 and 3,000 members, of which over 600 are organizational.

Adult education in an atomic age has a new setting, a new constituency and, in part at least, new objectives. Most obviously, education for social literacy and understanding comes to the fore as a new responsibility and charge of the adult educator. As a result these new concerns need to be carried out centrally rather than by a community organization as was done in the years immediately prior to the war.

The Association for Adult Education was among the limited few groups recognized officially for organizational membership on the National Commission for UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), and

is actively represented by the Director of the Association, Morse A. Cartwright. The international obligations of the movement may well become one of the major concerns of the national office and might well be planned for as a new yet welcome professional and budgetary responsibility of the organization.

The future of our civilization correctly has been described as a race between the forces of destruction and the growth of understanding among the peoples of the earth. Since understanding can be acquired only through education and since the destiny of the world clearly lies in the hands of its adult population, the importance of adult education in these days of tension becomes manifest.

AN ECLIPSE

On May 20th, the interest of all the world was focused on the central part of South America where the total eclipse of the sun was best seen. The city of Resistencia, Argentina, was directly in the path of the total eclipse and we naturally took a great deal of interest in the eclipse and the preparations which were made. By May 7, many scientific delegations had arrived, bringing with them the necessary instruments for their observation—at a cost of thousands—many thousands of dollars. All for the purpose of observing an eclipse.

In our experience here in Latin America we have seen another eclipse, a moral and spiritual eclipse—the light of Christian faith has burned dim. We long to see the day when the Christian churches of the world will become aware of the "other eclipse" and with the same disregard for cost, will send the necessary persons and equipment—not to OBSERVE but to BRING LIGHT—the light of the full gospel of the Kingdom of God.

—T. J. LIGGETT
Resistencia, Argentina

**But since He heareth prayer at any time,
For anything, in any place, or clime
Men lightly value Heaven's choicest gift,
And all too seldom do their souls uplift
In earnest pleading at the Throne of Grace.**

**Oh, let us then more often seek His face,
With grateful hearts, remembering while
there
To thank our Father that He heareth
prayer.**

—Author Unknown



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ELDERS SERVING DURING AUGUST

August 3,	J. Z. Berlien,	J. M. Fitch
10,	A. M. Campbell,	Albert Egly
17,	Robert Clipp,	John F. Davis
24,	Myron Cole,	Owen Vaught
31,	H. G. Hiler,	Dale Parkerson

DEACONS SERVING DURING AUGUST

Glenn Miller, Captain, H-66688, A. W. Davis, Ass't. Captain, L. M. Childers,
H. F. Broxon, Kenneth V. Lytle, Orville E. Miller, H. K. Pritchard.

If it is impossible for you to serve, please call your Captain.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

August is the month for the Annual Picnic of the Woman's Council, which will be held in the first large pavilion at Foster Park on Tuesday, August 19 at 12:30. There will be a short devotional period followed by social and recreational activities, the Recreation Committee in charge.

ILLNESS

Mrs. H. J. Bishop and Mrs. Ruth Weisjohn are patients in the Lutheran Hospital.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Montgomery and their baby daughter, R. R. 3, Lincoln-dale. This fine young couple came into the Church on July 20.

MISS STELLA FRANKLIN

Miss Stella Franklin, retired missionary, who served many years in India, is critically ill at her home, The Emily E. Flinn Home at Marion, Indiana. Many of our members know Miss Stella Franklin and her sister Miss Josepha Franklin and are acquainted with the fine work they accomplished for Christ and His Church in India during the years of their stay in that country. Let us remember these dear friends in our prayers during these dark hours.

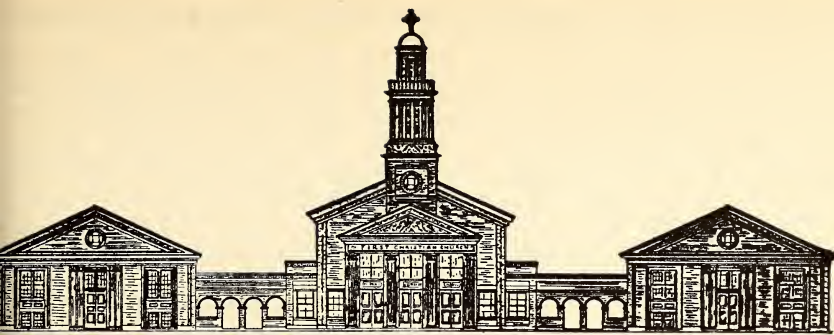
THE MASTER'S LAWS OF HUMAN RELATIONS

"Agree with thine adversary quickly." Get in step with your fellow-man and move in his direction. Head-on human collisions cause many wrecks in industry. Arguments are won at the cost of friendships.

"And whosoever shall compel thee to go one mile, go with him two." In his famous sermon, "The Second Mile," Harry Emerson Fosdick said: "Underneath every other practical necessity is the elemental 'must' of the breadwinner. Now this compulsion may be faced in one of two ways. If he will, a man may accept it doggedly, skimpingly perform the bare requirements, and bitterly trudge that one scant mile. "Thousands of men work that way, with their eyes on the clock. Or a man may welcome the necessity of work, recognize the dignity of honest toil and in that way go the second mile, translating duty into privilege. Work, greeted like that, loses the frown of compulsion and begins to smile. When a man works that way he feels that it is his meat and drink, wishes there were more hours in the day than twenty-four, and dreams of heaven as a place where a man can work all the time at his best and never be tired. All the slavery of work vanishes for such a man."

"Every tree . . . that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." "To succeed men must be creators, not parasites. They must bear the fruits of energy, ideas, ideals, methods, plans, designs. They must produce, achieve, contribute! Thus only do they grow and serve. Success must be earned, it must be deserved. Consumers will demand only 'good fruit.' The firms that fail to deliver will be cast into the fire of failure."

—Wilferd A. Peterson



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MORNING WORSHIP 10:10

Rev. Joseph B. Fitch,

Guest Minister

SPECIAL MUSIC

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Joseph B. Fitch, one of our own young men, now minister of the Student Foundation, Purdue, Indiana, will be the speaker next Sunday morning. If you are in the city, you will be most welcome to come and worship with us.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30

Bids Eternal Truth Be Present Fact

"Think not the faith by which the just shall live
Is a dead creed, a map correct of heaven,
Far less a feeling, fond and fugitive,
A thoughtless gift, withdrawn as soon as given,
It is an affirmation and an act
That bids eternal truth be present fact."

—Coleridge

Buoyancy Of Life

"The ancient Christians said that the Church was hilarious, that the Christian spirit is a hilarious spirit, a gay spirit. The words hardly seem reverent today. But think of the buoyancy of a life which has been saved in earnest. Some people do not give its value of 'life' as used in the New Testament; they picture the Christian life as a starved affair, and think that the Christian can never enjoy anything, but that, if he starts to enjoy himself, he is always told 'Don't.' Jesus never said that, 'I am come that they might have life and they might have it more overflowing'—the utmost development of the ideal and natural life, the real achievement at last of its promise

—T. R. Glover

YOUR CHURCH CALLS YOU TO WORSHIP SUNDAY

• GREETINGS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

All who attended the International Convention of Disciples of Christ in August this year were disappointed that the representative from the Philippines, Samuel G. Catli, was prevented from arriving in time to take his place on the program. However, a copy of the address he would have given was received, and the following is part of his message:

"Forty-five years ago, the Foreign Christian Missionary Society opened work in our country. The activities centered mostly in and around Manila and in the northern part of Luzon . . . The work of evangelization was not easy, especially during the early years when the means of communication were still undeveloped . . . But with the unceasing labor of your missionaries and the help of the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God was sown in fertile ground so that today there are about one hundred regularly organized congregations with a total membership of about twenty thousand.

"The Church in the Philippines . . . continued to function during the war. In fact, it was quickened to face the numerous problems and difficulties that came along its way. Ministers, women workers, and other church leaders, wherever they evacuated themselves and their families, brought with them their religion . . . I liken this event to the early Christian

Church in the Book of Acts . . . New congregations were formed, churches were built, not to mention the spiritual deepening of the life of the members . . .

"Disciples of Christ in the Philippines are ever grateful to you for bringing to us 'the glad tidings of great joy.' You have given your money, your time, efforts, and all that we may walk in the 'way' and know the 'truth' and possess the everlasting 'life.' You have continued to help us through all the years.

"We are trying to follow your good example and are looking forward to the day . . . when we too can send missionaries to other lands. Let us work together and consider the whole earth as our parish until the kingdom of the earth shall become the Kingdom of our God."



• LET ALL THE EARTH KEEP SILENCE

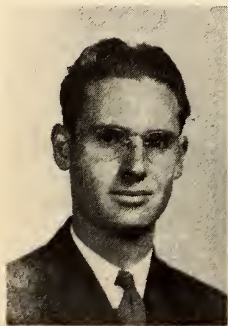
How lovely is the silence of green, growing things!

Orchards blossoms, apple, plum, and pear,
Branches laden down by fruit they bear,

Fields of everlasting, creeping vine,
Mountain-forest, hemlock, balsam, pine,

Gentian, asters, sweet-fern on the hill,
All praise Him in their beauty—keeping still.

LUCY A. K. ADEE



MR. AND MRS. GARLAND FARMER are our new missionaries in Puerto Rico. He is a graduate of Phillips University, and she of American International College of Springfield, Mass. Both took additional special training in preparation for service in Puerto Rico.

They will work with the pastors in our 53 churches and preaching points, and seek to enlarge the service of the Mission.

*The Lord is my Shepherd no want shall I know;
I feed in green pastures, safe-folded I rest;
He leadeth my soul where the still waters flow,
Restores me when wand'ring
Redeems when oppressed.*

—JAMES MONTGOMERY



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The Master's Laws of Human Relations

"All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them: for this is the law and the prophets."

Somehow we have come to think of the Golden Rule in its national and international applications to such an extent that we have missed applying it in the many little ways in which we could put it into daily use. There would be no wars if all the nations practiced the Golden Rule, we say, forgetting that many little wars could be eliminated in the same way, little wars in our homes, in our offices, in our factories. Here is how you can put the Golden Rule into action. List the things you like to have people do to you, then do those things to them. The Golden Rule is a long rule; it reaches from you here on earth to the highest peak of mankind's ideals. And as we use it today where we are, we best extend its use into all spheres of life.

"Not that which entereth into the mouth defileth the man; but that which proceedeth out of the mouth, this defileth the man." Almost all the trouble in the world is created by things people think, say, and write. Words of anger, malice, hatred, resentment, jealousy, like physical blows, cause people to hit back. Abraham Lincoln is a glowing example of one who in thought, word and deed endeavored to express the goodness of God. What came out of his mouth united men, created understanding, established teamwork and harmony. He expressed justice, calmness, quietness, tolerance, good will, love. Hitler's attitudes and words have defiled him and made him one of the most hated men of all history. Lincoln's attitudes and words have made him one of the most beloved men of all ages.

"And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant."

These twelve words express the ideal of leadership in a democracy. Not the great dictator but the great servant is the symbol of the leader. Such a philosophy of leadership involves not so much a sense of power as a sense of obligation.

A business builder today must also be a man builder. He duplicates himself in others. The totalitarian concept of leadership considers the people the slaves of the State. The great servant concept considers the people as the ones to be served. The top executive of a business should think of himself as a master servant of employees, customers, and stockholders. He is working for them. Labor too should consider itself as a servant. From top executive to janitor all who work are paid by customers. The customer is the big boss of all of us. Service is the key to true leadership of both men and institutions.

—Wilfred A. Peterson

"Eternal One, thou didst persuade me, and I let myself be persuaded!

Thou wast too strong for me; I had to yield.

Now all day long I a ma laughing-stock; men all deride me.

Whenever I speak, they mock, and they ill-treat me;
for uttering the ternal's word day after day,

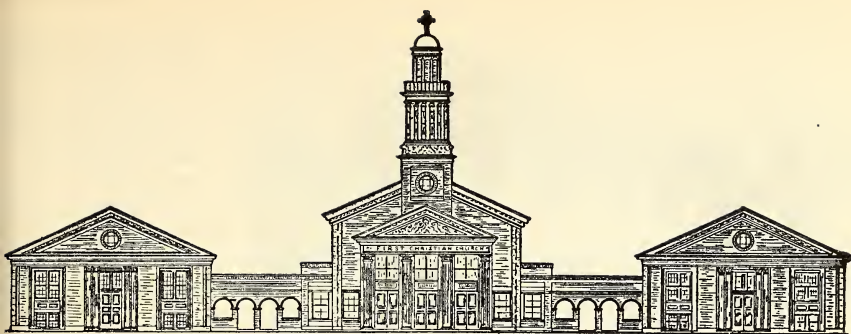
I am taunted and insulted.

If I say, "I will not mention it, I will not speak in his name any more,"

then I feel within me as it were

a fire that burns my very being.

—Jeremiah 20: 7-9, The Bible, a New Translation



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Number 47

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:10

Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones — Guest Speaker

Sermon Subject: "The Most Unforgettable Person I Know"

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mr. Phil Steigerwald—Guest Soloist

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones, recently retired pastor of the Central Woodward Avenue Christian Church, Detroit, will be our speaker next Sunday morning. Many of you know Dr. Jones and know of his remarkable career as Minister and Writer. You will remember him as the guest speaker at our 75th Anniversary Dinner last November. Dr. Jones is widely known through his contributions to the press and is a member of the editorial boards of The Christian Century magazine and other religious publications. It is a great privilege to hear him.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30

There are regular classes for all age groups. You will be present at the Morning worship service in order to hear Dr. Jones preach, may we suggest you come a short time earlier and help make this next Sunday the record attendance Sunday of the mid-summer season. Invite someone to come with you.

GOD'S RESOURCES

"If the people of the world will use the resources which God has given them toward the keeping of the peace and for the purposes for which they were designed, there will be no third world war.

"We need to be convinced that war is not inevitable. We can present another war in this twentieth century if we will give one-half the energy, intelligence, and inventiveness to securing the peace that we gave to winning the last war.

But to do this we change the present pervasive hopelessness to faith."

—Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

YOUR CHURCH CALLS YOU TO WORSHIP SUNDAY



Mexican Christian Church, San Benito, Texas

One of four churches aided by our brotherhood in Texas among large Mexican populations. San Benito has a membership of 54, has a Sunday School attendance of 56, and an average church attendance of 50 per Sunday.

• WORLD WIDE COMMUNION

This is the seventh year for the observance of world-wide communion among Protestant churches. During the entire twenty-four hours, there will be groups of Christians about the Lord's Table in some part of the world.

The observance begins in New Zealand at 10:30 A. M. Sunday, their time, but 7:00 P. M. on Saturday in New York. Following around the world as the sun progresses, come the observances in Australia, Japan, Philippines, China, India, Paris, Russia, Egypt and South Africa, Germany and Rome, England, Ireland, Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, New York City, Mexico City and Chicago, Denver, the West Coast, and the Hawaiian Islands.

The continuous fellowship of this day will bring Christians of every land into closer bonds of understanding and friendship as they are drawn closer to Christ, their common Lord and Savior.

*"According to Thy gracious word,
In meek humility,
This will I do, my dying Lord,
I will remember Thee.
O Master, through these symbols shared,
Thine own dear self impart,
That in our daily life may flame,
The passion of Thy heart."*

• RECONCILIATION

"Christian students of America have before them a vast field of opportunity in the mission work of reconciliation and rehabilitation in Japan and other countries ravaged by war. Governments cannot heal the wounds of spirit and heart; only Christian love can do this. Our ideas of God and our faith must see above the national and above fixed patterns of our day. If this vision does not come, we are stagnant and useless."

DR. T. Z. KOO,
Chinese Christian educator

• IN SOUTH AFRICA

During the last week in May, there was held in Boksburg, South Africa, a conference of all Protestant churches, under the theme, "Christians United for Life and Service."

Rev. Basil Holt, who went out from the United States about a year ago to lead the work of the Churches of Christ in the Union of South Africa and Rhodesia, presided and gave the opening address. The Conference closed with a united communion service on Sunday afternoon.

This proved to be an inspirational gathering and an event of outstanding importance in religious circles.

"This do in remembrance of me."



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ILLNESS

Mr. Grant T. Munson, faithful member and Trustee in the Church, is in the Lutheran hospital suffering from injuries received in a plane accident last week.

Mr. H. W. Sigrist, another faithful member and also a Trustee, is in Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, for surgery.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bell in the birth of a new babe. Mrs. Bell is in Lutheran Hospital.

When we pray, let us remember these friends.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL ANNUAL PICNIC

The picnic will be held in the first large pavilion at Foster Park next Tuesday at 12:30. A short business session will be held and the groups will have an opportunity to meet for transaction of business, if they wish to do so, after which there will be a recreational period under the direction of Mrs. L. S. Sentman and her committee. Coffee and tea will be furnished. Bring your own table service.

NEW CHURCH SIGN

Have you seen the new Church sign at the new location? It is a beauty. When out driving be sure to drive past the new site and see it.

UNION VESPER SERVICE

On Sunday, August 17, there will be another great Union Service at the North Side High School Stadium at 6:30 P.M. In the event of rain the meeting will be held in the gymnasium. Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones will be the speaker. His subject will be, "The Matterhorn of the Bible." Special music by the Band of the Children's Home, Rev. Robert J. MacDanel and a Male Quartet. These services are sponsored by the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne.

THE MASTER'S LAWS OF HUMAN RELATIONS

"Feed My Sheep." The wise executive feeds the whole man. Much of our lack of harmony in industry has been due to the fact that we have thought in terms of physical hunger alone; we have concentrated on the monetary return to the worker. Men have many hungers to be satisfied. Men hunger for appreciation, praise, recognition, acceptance as worth-while personalities. Adler, one of the major figures in modern psychiatry, said that most of all a man wants to feel significant; he wants to feel that he counts. Another psychologists lists four things that men live by—work, play, love, and worship. The modern executive broadens the scope of his work to include all the factors that make for human happiness. A new day will dawn in industry as executives heed the command of Jesus, "Feed my sheep." When men are given something more than bread to work for, when the pay is expanded beyond the satisfying of physical hunger alone, to include the hungers of mind, heart, and spirit, then we shall be drawing near to the goal of brotherhood in industry.

—Wilferd A. Peterson.



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MORNING WORSHIP 10:10

Mr. Floyd E. Morrical

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Guest Speaker

Sermon Subject:

"Sealed Orders"

SPECIAL MUSIC

Speaker of the Morning

While Mr. Morrical was serving in the United States Navy during World War II, there were times when his buddies wanted spiritual comfort and help. Being without a Chaplain, Mr. Morrical, and one or two others, sought to help their companions by filling this need. Mr. Morrical is bringing this message to us next Sunday morning. I am sure it will merit a good audience. Come, and invite others

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30

One of the basic needs in saving the nation is to have Christian homes in which children are reared in the presence of godly examples and where they are given deep personal faith. To preserve a Christian democracy we must keep our children Christian. In too many homes the family altar of by-gone generations has yielded to the family bar of today. A rotting morality rots national foundations.

We must restore God at the center of our religion if religion is to meet the needs of our time. And that is your job and mine. It is up to us as spiritual leaders to restore faith by keeping faith with God. If we do not, we will not have this country forever because it can't last except on that kind of faith. Working with God, we can help change things. "Here, Lord, am I; send me."

—Norman Vincent Peale, D. D.

The conscience of a democracy is the conscience of its citizens. It represents their capacity to know, to think, to judge, and finally to choose between right and wrong. In the last analysis the United States will set its course by the flickering or clear light of the conscience of the people.

—Anne O'Hare McCormick

YOUR CHURCH CALLS YOU TO WORSHIP SUNDAY

• CONTINUED AFTEREFFECTS

There is no letup in needs for clothes and food in Austria, even now two years after the war. In fact, there is indication that the coming winter will be the worst one yet.

The situation is worse than two years ago. All the clothing of private organizations hasn't covered over ten percent of the population, and UNRRA and Red Cross another ten percent.

It is especially difficult for people returning from war. Prisoners of war from Yugoslavia and Russia are practically naked when they arrive.

The daily ration, according to the chart in the newspaper, is between 1000 and 1500 calories with several hundred additional for various kinds of workers. In actual practice the families seldom are

able to find their full ration in the stores. Things like meat are rarely found. Bread makes up a third to a half of the diet, although a person gets only about a loaf and a half a week. Only children six years of age or under get fresh milk, and only for children between six and twelve is there skim milk. A small quantity of butter is on the schedule only for children below three.

Added to the ills of the Austrian population are the problems of 200,000 Displace Persons and refugees who still remain in Austria with little likelihood of being able to go elsewhere.

The material aid program has incalculable spiritual value as well as material value. Meeting human need with gifts from fellow-Christians abroad does something to people's outlook on life. It gives a ray of hope.



CHRISTIANITY MADE THE DIFFERENCE



TULA RAM PAUL

A group of Hindu men entered a little Indian village one day and were quite surprised to see a rather large edifice being built and asked if it were a temple. People standing near said,

"Yes, it is the temple of Christ."

"What," they asked, "do you mean that the Christians of this village are building this temple to the true God? We knew these people when they were outcasts. No one would associate with them or have anything to do with them. Now, just a few years later, look at them! They are clean and respectable and some of them can even read and write. The children are going to school and some of them are in high school. Here is this temple for the worship of God. Certainly there must be something in a religion that will change people like that."

Tula Ram Paul of this village, Lata,

which is near Takhatpur, India, had long dreamt of having a church in his village. He did more than dream for he gave the land and a gift of money to start the work. Then he went to churches in surrounding communities and told the story of Lata and forthwith they gave gifts for the church also. The Indian Mission helped, but for the most part it is the work of these native Christians. It is a beautiful white building in the shape of a cross with a cross on top, the symbol of peace and good will to all who pass that way.

When it was dedicated at least two hundred people of the community attended. A dinner was served afterwards, but since some of the people attending were not Christians it was necessary to cook and serve in three places—for the Christians for the Hindus, and another place for the low caste—because of caste restrictions. Even so there was a spiritual fellowship that will not soon be forgotten.

ETHEL SHREVE
Missionary



R. N. S.

And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

(Luke 11:46)

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ILLNESS

Mr. Munson is now at home slowly recovering from his accident.

We are happy to hear the Mr. Sigrist has returned home from the hospital and is making rapid recovery.

NATURE'S ALTAR

O God, Our Father, out of whose creative power and all inclusive love the order and beauty of the world have come, we, who are also a part of nature, turn to Thee this hour with gratitude and adoration.

We rejoice in the world of nature because we find in it tokens of both ourselves and Thee. We, too, exist because of Thy creative thought. The ebb and flow of the tidal impulses which surge through nature touch our lives as well.

We kneel at nature's altar, O God, because it is Thy altar. It would be baffling and incoherent if it were just itself alone. It needs Thee, O great Creative Spirit, as the One who unifies it all and fills it with meaning.

O God, we pray Thee make all these things of nature to be for us not just happenings in an outer world, but sacraments through the holy mystery of which our souls may enter into fellowship with Thee. Amen. —Albert W. Palmre

The Master's Laws of Human Relations

"But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." I talked with an executive recently who is intensely bitter and resentful towards his employees. He feels that they have been traitors to the management, that they have let him down, that they have walked rough shod over him and taken advantage of the war situation to gain their ends. He intends to get revenge as soon as unemployment looms on the horizon.

The future of industry depends upon executives being big enough, and noble enough to forgive and forget, to wipe the slate clean of malice, intolerance, and bitterness. Now as never before in the history of industrial America the times call for true greatness. The majority of industrial leaders will rise to the occasion. They will meet the challenge to be big enough to turn from the misunderstandings of yesterday and walk gallantly into the future.

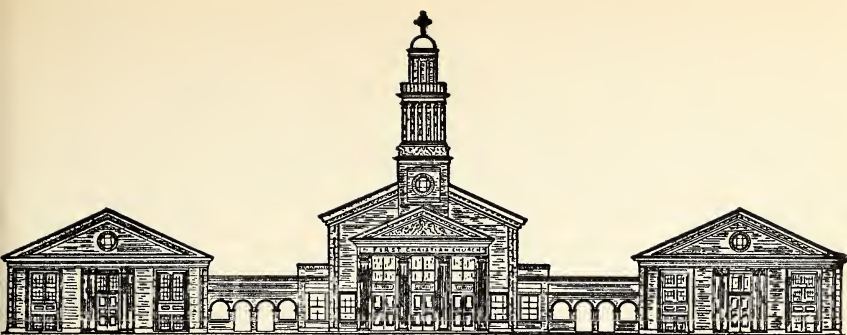
Labor too must be big enough to forgive. At times it has been exploited, ignored, and taken advantage of. It must be great enough to forgive the sins of management, as management forgives the sins of labor. Each must humbly acknowledge its own shortcomings and not attempt to blame the other for all the discord and friction. Both have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

The only effective antidote for the poison of hatred and bitterness is forgiveness. Forgiveness is a mental sulfa-drug, a miracle medicine, which can do much to restore industry to spiritual health and vigor.

Hatred, bitterness, and resentment build barriers between men which can only be melted away by forgiveness. Forgiveness sweeps the way clear for a fresh start.

When Peter asked Jesus how many times he should forgive his enemies the Master replied, "until seventy times seven." That is four hundred and ninety times! That is something to shoot at both for labor and management. Only if we are big enough to forgive shall we be saved.

—Wilfred A. Peterson



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MORNING WORSHIP 10:10

Mr. Thomas Hirschy

Guest Speaker

SPECIAL MUSIC

Speaker of the Morning

Thomas Hirschy is one of our members. He is attending Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio, preparing himself for the ministry. He will deliver the sermon next Sunday morning. Rev. Beck will be back from vacation and will preach for us Sunday, September 7.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30

"Help us concentrate on conserving the HUMAN resources of the world."

"If everyone cares enough, and everyone shares enough the Kingdom of God can come on earth. This supreme task is for Christians." "Go ye into all the world"—and also to your next door neighbor.

They Are Thy Children

They are Thy children, Lord—
The little ones who cry for bread.
This is Thy world, and Thou has said
Its fullness, too, is thine:
Part loaned to me, not mine.

My children laugh in play,
Their faces happy, bright with health—
Oh, wonder of my living wealth!

YOUR CHURCH CALLS YOU TO WORSHIP SUNDAY

• A CHURCH RE-OPENED

March 31 was a very happy Sunday in Nantungchow, China, which was more completely cut off from the rest of the world than any of our other stations. On that date the doors of our church building were opened for the first time since December, 1941. The church had been occupied by the Japanese immediately after Pearl Harbor and was not released until the surrender.

Even after peace came, it was December before boats were running regularly from Nanking to Nantungchow so that Miss Swen Pao Hwa, our educational worker who had been in Nanking, could return to help them and to see about starting school work. When she got there she found that our former doctor had already opened the Christian hospital. The little group of Christians held their services in the hospital chapel. They had tried to do so during the war but had been forbidden by the Japanese authorities who occupied the hospital.

Then when Mrs. Edna Gish came up from Nanking to spend a month with them, it was decided to repair and clean the church. Most of the furniture was left, although some of it was dilapidated and everything was in the wrong place. One whole day the Christians helped to carry furniture, wash benches, and place all in order. Things which the members had been able to save began to arrive from their homes—the large cross for the front of the auditorium, the organ, hymn books, Bibles, and the communion set.

On Sunday morning there was real rejoicing and praise for God's leading and deliverance. There was also a new determination to be faithful witness for Christ in this city and province where for more than 1,300,000 people this is the only Protestant church.

• DISPLACED PERSONS

Church World Service, the new unified organization which has taken over relief work of cooperative Protestantism, has announced the arrival of the first group of Displaced Persons from Europe, under the directive of President Truman dated December 22, 1945.

This contingent, numbering 800 persons, of whom 100 are listed as Protestants, is predominantly people in the younger or middle-age group. A few older people belong to family units.

Church World Service will undertake to care for Protestants, Eastern Orthodox and others not looked after by Catholic, Jewish or child welfare agencies. Assistance of local churches will be sought in securing opportunities for relocation in Protestant communities.



• LOSSES IN THE PHILIPPINES

The report of damage to Mission property of Disciples of Christ in the Philippines shows the following in a general survey:

—Thirteen church buildings were entirely burned or destroyed by bombs.

—Six churches were partially destroyed.

—Five pastors lost all or practically all of their possessions.

—The Sallie Long Reed Memorial Hospital at Laoag is a complete loss, being used by the Japanese as a storehouse until they burned it full of supplies as they left town.

—The former residence of Dr. C. L. Pickett at Laoag was burned out. However Adamson Hall and the church at Laoag still stand.

—The church, student center, dormitory, pastor's residence, and mission house at Vigan are all intact.



*"The fear of the Lord,
that is wisdom;
And to depart from evil
is understanding."*



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Sheltered and glad and fed,
At night tucked warm in bed.

Dear Lord, help me to know
Thine own compassion—all the tears
Of mother-agony that hears
Her child's faint Hunger cry,
Then waits to see him die.

—Grace F. Guthrie

What We Need

We do not need more material development, we need more spiritual development. We do not need more intellectual power, we need more moral power. We do not need more government, we need more culture. We do not need more law, we need more religion. We do not need more of the tidings that are seen, we need more of the things that are unseen.

—Calvin Coolidge

Woman's Council

The Rachel group will meet with Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, 2326 S. Webster, Tuesday afternoon, **September 2nd**. Mrs. F. H. Rogers will have the devotions.

The Martha group will meet with Mrs. Owen Vaught, 4035 S. Fairfield, Wednesday **September 10**.

The Naomi group will meet with Mrs. Ray Moore, Cedarville, Tuesday, **September 9**. Mrs. Iva Imbody will give a paper on "Proud Women of the Bible", Mrs. Nellie Newland will give the devotions.

The Dorcas group will meet with Mrs. Robert Truelove, 621 Florence Ave., Thursday, **September 11**.

The Master's Laws of Human Relations

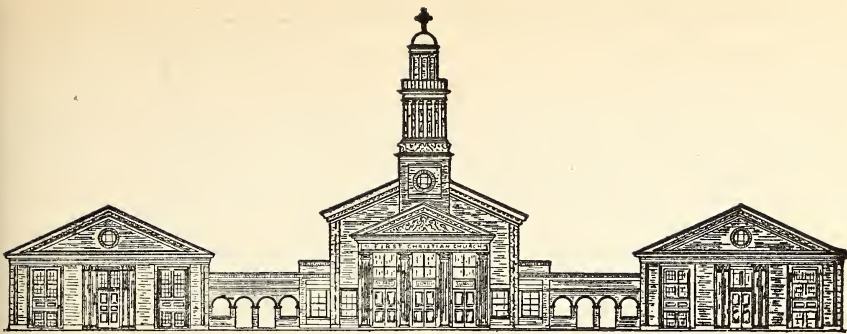
"Stretch forth Thy Hand." When Jesus healed the withered hand of the man in the synagogue He commanded, "Stretch forth thy hand!" And the hand was restored. It seems to me that the command of Jesus to this generation might well be summed up in those words. They radiate the spirit of Christianity, dynamic Christianity in action among men. "Stretch forth thy hand!" Stretch it forth in friendship, in sincerity, in good will. The open out-stretched hand is the universal symbol of peace, harmony, co-operation.

Don't wait for the other person to step forward and stretch out his hand to you first. YOU start it! To make a friend be a friend. To win good will give good will. "Stretch forth thy hand!" The outstretched hands of men and women of all groups, classes, races, and colors can restore and heal all America and make us a strong and united nation. "Stretch forth thy hand!"

—Wilferd A. Peterson

Within my earthly temple there's a crowd.
There's one of us that's humble; one that's proud,
There's one that's broken-hearted for his sins,
And one who, unrepentant, sits and grins.
There's one who loves his neighbor as himself,
And one who cares for naught but fame and pelf.
From much corroding care would I be free
If once I could determine which is Me.

from Prayer, by George A. Butterick.



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FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, SEPTEMBER 4, 1947

Number 50

MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A. M.

SERMON: POISE AND POWER

Our pastor will be in the pulpit this Sunday. With vacations now over we are ready to swing into a great Fall Program.

What will the church do in these days of great need. Our Brotherhood answers with a "Crusade For A Christian World." The whole Brotherhood is stirred deeply. Churches everywhere are reporting heartiest co-operation. The First Christian Church of Fort Wayne will co-operate fully. Follow the **Christian Crusader** as it comes from time to time. The Church can give an effective answer only as each member makes his religious life real and vital. A deep concern for our neighbor, for the world program of the church, and a true consecration to Christ and his Church will make our church productive of great results.

Regularity in our church attendance and worship is an unqualified requisite of finest Christian living. Be in church this Sunday.

Our guest Soloist for this Sunday is Mrs. Shirley Stripling.

Church School — 9:30 A.M.

E. Dale Parkerson, superintendent

L. S. Sentman, Associate Superintendent

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY

Our children and Youth will be back in the public Schools this week. Now is the time to get them lined up also in the Church School. We set this Sunday aside to honor our pupils and public school teachers. It is no accident that many of our most interested and valuable members are also teachers in our public schools. The search for truth, an interest in the cultural life of our citizens, and giving of thought and effort in the building of character, and an adequate preparation for teaching, are very much akin to the ways of Christian living. We honor our teachers and pray God's blessing upon them.

Many of our youth will be away to college and to the university in the next few weeks. We are glad that Christian teaching and Christian homes and the wide influence of the Church furnish the background for high aspiration in the hearts and minds of our youth. We want the names of our young people and the schools to which they are going. If this is done they will receive, weekly, the **Tidings**.

BE IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL ON THE FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

• BIBLES FOR JAPAN

The American Bible Society reports that already 200,000 Japanese Testaments, 150,000 Japanese Gospels, and 100,000 English Testaments have been sent to the Japan Bible Society. Another edition of 200,000 Japanese Testaments will be off the press soon, and further large shipments will be made. In addition to these shipments in bulk to the Japan Bible Society, a large number of small shipments have been sent to American Chaplains and enlisted men in Japan.

A call from Australia for Scriptures for Japanese prisoners of war in New Britain and Borneo was met by sending 10,000 Japanese Testaments.

• HOW CAN THEY KNOW?

According to recent surveys made by religious education authorities, the "average" Protestant child in the United States receives only about thirty hours of religious training in church schools in the course of a year; while a Roman Catholic child receives 200 hours, and a Jewish child 335 hours of training.

This, they say, is part of the reason why chaplains of the armed forces so often report that: "Protestant boys do not know what they believe." Also because of this, a number of Protestant communions are engaged in efforts to revitalize the Sunday school and other forms of religious education.

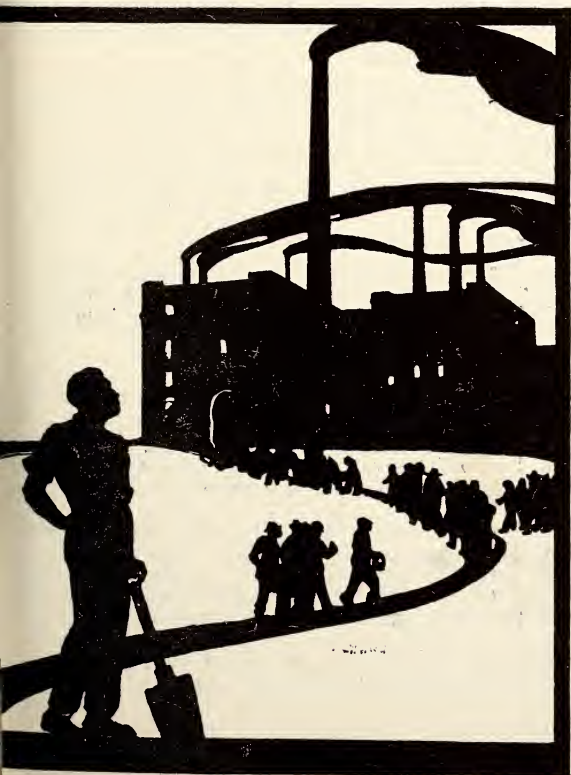
• YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

When school opens at Southern Christian Institute this month, the whole student body will be enrolled the first week in a young people's conference to be conducted on the grounds. This is an annual program, and the only opportunity for approximately 250 Negro young people for such fellowship and training in Christian living.

Campus Scene, S. C. I., Edwards, Mississippi



*"The heart of the toiler has throbbings
That stir not the bosoms of kings."*



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Looking Toward The Year Ahead

There are many currents which point to this year as one of high achievement. We are farther from the war. Many of our young men are back in church again. Everywhere there is a sense of the serious condition in which the world has been left following the war. Each man is feeling his responsibility. We are better equipped than ever to win new members and followers of our Christ. We have the inspiration of a new church ahead for us. Our church membership is meaning more and more to the individual member. This leaves the question for each one of us "What kind of a church member am I?"

Elders Serving During September

September 7,	Hugh D. Rice,	P. H. Somers
14,	J. Z. Berlien,	Albert Egly
21,	A. M. Campbell,	John Davis
28,	Robert Clipp,	Myron Cole

Deacons Serving During September

Delmas Young, Captain, A-16500, C. F. Durfee, Ass't Captain, Floyd E. Morrical, A. L. Gaskill, Wm Moffitt, Dale Hiler, Don Eyer, E. T. Fusselman.
If for any reason you cannot serve, please call your Captain.

Official Board

The first meeting of the Fall will be Wednesday, September 10, at 7:45 P.M.

Woman's Council

The **Ruth Circle** will meet Tuesday, September 9, with Mrs. Ray Moore, Cedarville.
The **Naomi Circle** will meet Wednesday, September 10, at the home of Mrs. C. W. Winfield, 1001 E. Columbia Ave.

The **Martha Circle** will meet Wednesday, September 10, with Mrs. Owen Vaught, 4035 Fairfield Ave.

The **Dorcas Circle** will meet Thursday, September 11, with Mrs. Robert Truelove, 621 Florence Ave.

Missionary Committee

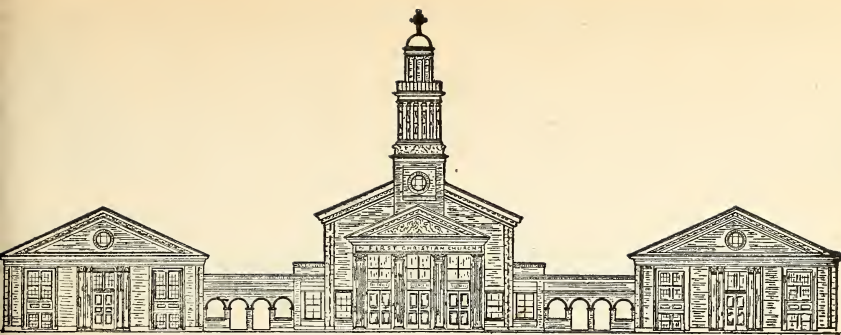
The Missionary Committee of the Woman's Council, Miss Leah Miller, Chairman, will hold a meeting next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. in the Social Room, to work out plans for the year in Missions. Committee members, please keep this date open.

BE STILL

Too many professing Christians have never been able to say with Isaiah that they have "seen the King, the Lord of hosts." A mad pursuit of selfish gain has so imprisoned their souls that the feeling of awe was unable to find release. When one becomes overbusy satisfying his own material wants, he so blinds his spiritual eyes that they are unable to see the awe-inspiring elements in a beautiful church or in a glorious sunset.

A little boy once explained to his minister that he didn't say his prayers every night because "some nights he didn't want anything." Some church members confine their planned worship to times of need. With such a limited view and use of worship, we can realize why they will never be awed by "the song of the earth," which is swelling within the very atmosphere about them—if only they had ears to hear.

To sit quietly in one's secret chamber, or in the pew of the church, or in the out-of-doors, just waiting, listening, meditating, breathing the atmosphere of quietness and beauty, is to know the truth of the oft-quoted "Be still and know that I am God."—from Rural Worship by Rev. Herbert H. Wintermeyer.



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Number 51

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25Special Music

Mrs. Robert M. Scott, Organist

SERMON: — "WHAT ABOUT OUR FEELINGS!"

Our Pastor will bring the sermon Sunday.

THINK IT OVER

Anyone who reads the news is aware of the handicaps that are gripping the peoples of the world. Most of the people of the world are not getting enough food to enable them to work and think properly. England is going through a crisis. These people are asked to tighten their belt and work harder and sacrifice more. It is their duty.

If we think at all how can we escape a deep sense of gratitude. In the face of many questionable methods, we are bordering on inflation. What do you think will save our country? Not reckless living? Wasteful spending? Not indifference, nor a neglect of the things of God. How can thoughtful people neglect their responsibility to the church, the mother and sustainer of good living and high thinking. **The least you can do is to be in your church each Sunday.**

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

One hundred more in Sunday School last Sunday. Increase this attendance. The play grounds are closed in the parks. We are home from our vacations, our children are enrolled in the Public School, bring them with you and come to the Church School this Sunday.

CRUSADE FOR A CHRISTIAN WORLD

Crusade Sunday

October 5, 1947

World Communion Sunday

Crusade Sunday Launches the Continuing Program of the Crusade.

Talk about it everywhere. In the home, in the group meetings, in the Sunday School. Talk about it everywhere.

Every home as far as possible will be called upon by various visitors.

BE A TRUE CRUSADER

• A CITADEL OF EDUCATION

The colleges and universities of America are its own products. No other country has a similar system of private and state institutions of higher education. Other nations have growing state systems but not one gives the reign of freedom to academic pursuit that is found here. Freedom to pursue truth and research down any line without being hampered by preconceptions devised by the state is a part of our American heritage. No other country makes it possible for millions of young people to go to college.

The system of education was conceived in the minds of early statesmen and lovers of liberty and made possible by the frontier sweat and earnings of our forefathers. Time was when the high school or academy graduate was the exception. Now with the work demands of a new country eased, national wealth increased and the complications of modern living bringing need for new skills and deeper thinking, not only is the opportunity to go to college greater but it is demanded of young people that they go. With the universities of Europe and Asia wrecked and depleted by war the American campus now stands as the citadel of education.

Each American campus enrollment now numbers from the hundreds to the tens of thousands. Young students and old students, single students and married students, veterans and non-veterans, home students and foreign students all contribute to the composite of today's campus. The vast majority of them are on state and independent campuses not related to a church.

Upon the home church of each college and university student rests the major responsibility as to whether that student is in training to become a Christian layman or a worldly member of some profession. This is an important responsibility facing the home church, for increasingly decisions and discoveries of world shattering importance are being made by the college trained. If those who pour through the universities in increasing numbers have built their train-

ing on the rock foundation of Christian faith established and nurtured through their educational career by their home church then two things are nearer accomplishment: (1) the leadership of our nation will be increasingly in the hands of those who put Christ and His Church first and (2) the leadership of His Church will be in the hands of trained and consecrated persons.



• AN AFRICAN ITINERARY

On a two weeks itinerary, Fern McMillan and Martha Bateman attended morning and evening religious services; visited the schools; played games with the children; read the church rolls and took up offerings; and visited with the teachers and other interested friends in the Monieka area of the Belgian Congo. It is felt that on the trips encouragement is given the Christian work in the villages and it is hoped that new visions are opened up to the Congolese as to why they should study to know how they can assist God in making his will known to others. Many weaknesses are seen in the young churches and prayer is needed that more and more of the young people will get a vision which constrains them to be diligent in searching and obeying the Scriptures.

As they were coming home they saw a sapling with lovely white waxy flowers growing along each branch. Fern, being taller, pulled the sapling down and Martha picked off a couple of flowers but not quickly enough not to have been stung twice by ants. Later it was learned that this is the tree that is mentioned in one of the African proverbs. It goes, "The bonkoko doesn't love people so who will live with?" This tree having fierce ants has no friends and even trees do not grow near it as the ants destroy their leaves. The Africans quote this proverb when they want to remind others that selfishness and avarice do not pay. Surely the world will be wiser when it includes in its literature some of the many teachings hidden in the African proverbs.



"and to virtue knowledge . . ."



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WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The September meeting of the Executive will be held at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, the 16, in the Victory Chapel. The general meeting will be at 8:00 p.m. The Dorcas Circle is in charge of the program and Mrs. Dale Hiler will give a paper on the subject: "To The Task." Mrs. Lawrence Horn will sing. The Evening Guild will have the devotions.

NEWS FROM THE EMILY E. FLINN HOME

The Home will soon be ready to break ground for their new building. This new wing, when completed, will care for a large number whose names are on the waiting list.

Miss Glen Harter, Superintendent of the Home, suffered a severe knee injury in an accident recently. However, she is now able to get around in a wheel chair.

Miss Stella Franklin, a guest in the Home, died July 31st, following a very short illness. Miss Franklin was 82 years of age. She spent 41 years in India as a Missionary under the sponsorship of our Mission Board.

The Annual Harvesting Ingathering for the Emily E. Flinn Home is to be held on October 21, when the women of the church will spend the day at the Home. A carry-in dinner will be served at 12 noon and following the dinner the Rachel Group will present the program and the Naomi Circle will have charge of the worship period.

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

The School of Missions will be held September 17, 18, at the Third Presbyterian Church. The School begins with a dinner at 6:30 Wednesday evening. Mrs. P. D. Pointer, State chairman of World Relations will be the speaker. Dinner \$1.00. Make your reservations for the dinner and the School with Mrs. C. F. Durfee or Miss Leah Miller. Reservations must be in by noon, Monday, September 15.

We wish to urge everyone who possibly can to attend these sessions. The School is sponsored by the Fort Wayne Council of Church Women.

DEVOTIONAL HELPS FROM THE WOMAN'S COUNCIL

Suggestions for devotions for one month using the books of Mark and Luke.

1st week - Thought for each Day, "From within, out of the heart of man come evil thoughts that defile a man." Read Psalm 36 and Mark 1-16, inclusive.

2nd week - Thought for each Day, "With God, nothing will be impossible." Read Psalm 37 and Luke 1-10, inclusive.

3rd week - Thought for each Day, "He who is not with me is against me and he who does not gather with me scatters." "Everyone to whom much is given, of him much will be required." Read Psalm 71 and Luke 11-19, inclusive.

4th week - Thought for each Day, "As Jesus told His disciples to stay in the city until they were clothed with power from on high, so we should spend time in daily communion with Him before we go about our daily tasks." Read Psalm 84 and Luke 18-24, inclusive.

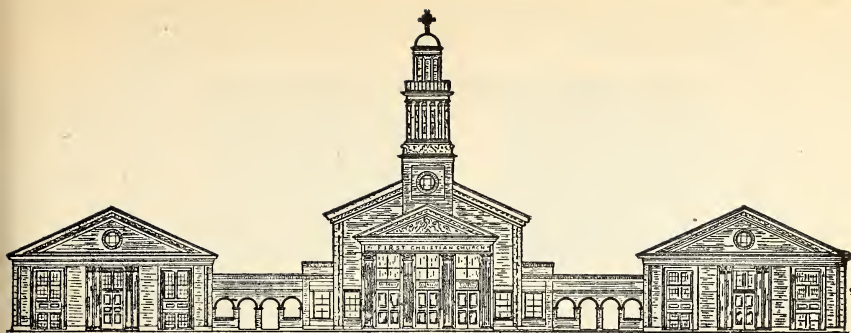
Daily Prayer Thoughts. "Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within me." "Pray that as we start this crusade for a Christian world that church members everywhere will have a desire to make God's Kingdom first." "Pray that all Missionaries and leaders in our Churches may be so filled with the spirit of Christ that others will want to follow Him." "Pray for Christian homes and harmonious living and for world peace."

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. R. E. Firestone in the recent loss of her father-in-law.

ILLNESS

The father of Mrs. Walter Rodgers is a patient in the hospital at Van Wert, Ohio.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Special Music

Mrs. Robert M. Scott, Organist

Mrs. Janet Wieker, Soloist

Sermon: LOYALTY Preacher: Our Pastor

MAKE YOUR HOME A CRUSADER HOME

Many of our homes will be visited and the Crusader's Home will be expained to you. Commit your home to this great program. It will not be possible to visit all our homes between now and the 5th of October. But all our homes will be given an opportunity for this commitment. You can be a vital factor in bringing in an upsurge of spiritual life in our world, by beginning with yourself and your home.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

According to our Crusade program we are to increase our Church School membership 64 per cent. What suggestions have you to make? Report your suggestions to your class.

A Teacher Training Course will be offered for those who desire to teach. Few places offer the opportunity for Christian service as does the position of teacher in the church school.

KICK-OFF SUPPER FOR MEN'S FORUM WILL MEET AT COUNTRY LODGE OF GRANT T. MUNSON

Men of the church are asked to reserve **Sunday evening, October 5th**, for the kick-off supper which will be held at the country lodge of Grant T. Munson near Columbia City. Bus and cars will transport our membership. A good program is being worked out. **The executive committee** of the Men's Forum will meet at the Y.M.C.A. Monday evening at 6:00 P.M. and have supper together and work out the details for this first meeting of the Men's Forum this fall. Joe W. Clark, the president, anticipates a large round-up of our men and a program of unusual interest. Mr. Munson has invited our men to use his newly built lodge for this meeting.

YOUR CHURCH CALLS YOU TO WORSHIP SUNDAY

• "RUBBLE" CHURCHES

Building of ten "rubble" churches in Germany has been validated by a recent meeting of the Reconstruction Department of the World Council of Churches and referred to Church World Service for acceptance and for the raising of the necessary funds through its constituent churches in America.

The first such rubble church at Pforzheim in the American zone was dedicated May 23 of this year. Built by the Germans themselves, the church, seating 420 people, has walls made from the ruins; whereas the lumber, metal and glass was sent from Switzerland. Another is under construction with World Council funds at Mannheim, also in the American zone. Immediate steps have been taken by the Reconstruction Department to provide \$10,000 each for three more churches — one at Muenster, a city ninety-five percent destroyed, in the British zone; one at Dresden, seventy-five percent destroyed, in the Russian zone; and one in Berlin.



• BAPTISMAL SERVICES

Nanking Drum Tower, Nanking South Gate and Hofei, China all had 8:30 A. M. baptismal services on Easter morning early this year. Mr. Edwin Marx officiated at Drum Tower, baptizing twenty-seven, most of whom were students from the Chung Hwa Girls School. At South Gate, Mr. James McCallum baptized twenty-three; men, women, and young people ranging from thirteen to eighty years of age.

Fifty were baptized at Hofei, an equal number of men and women, comprising a large number of second and third generation Christian, a father and his Middle School son, a first generation mother and her son, and two classmates of Pastor Wang Chi-tein's daughter, who had been instrumental in leading them to make the decision. At Wuhu Pastor Li and Miss Tremain baptized twenty-three.

China Newsletter

• A CRITICAL PERIOD

The next three years in India may well be the most critical in the life of the Christian church there; they may determine the conditions of the life of the church for many years to come. There is the possibility that new nationalist governments may curtail some of the missionary activities of the minority.

Some doors may be closed. But the Christian forces could always increase the amount of Christian literature available to be read by the Indian people: first for the upbuilding of the present Christians in India, and secondly for giving the gospel to the non-Christians. Methods of work may change. One of them must be that the eternal message must be couched in the modern language intelligible to the modern man in India.

DR. RAJAH B. MANIKAM
*Secretary of the National
Christian Council of India*



• A MORAL OFFENSIVE

"We utterly reject the idea of the inevitability of war and we oppose all national policies which have that pre-supposition.

"A casual observer of American conduct might conclude that our national affairs are operated on the assumption that war is so probable that it is not worth while to take a chance on the possibility of peace. There is increasing discussion of military establishments, military training, military bases and new weapons of destruction. Hysteria is growing at a time which is so critical that calmness of judgment is indispensable. That hysteria suggests a sense of weakness and lack of Christian faith.

"It is time that the American people made clear that whatever may be their views about the military aspects of national defense, they do not put primary reliance upon material defense. Our chief reliance is on a moral offensive."

*Federal Council of the
Churches of Christ in
America*



*And week by week this day we ask
That holy memories of Thy cross
May sanctify each common task,
And turn to gain each earthly loss.
Grant us, dear Lord, our cross to bear,
Till at Thy feet we lay it down,
Win through Thy blood Thy pardon there,
And through the cross attain the crown.*

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A CRUSADING CHURCH

A crusading church is a church with a crusading membership who are of the fraternity of the Cross and who are willing to sacrifice their lives and their possessions in order that God may reign in the hearts and lives of men.

—The Christian Crusader.

CHURCH HONOR ROLL

We will again begin to publish the Honor Roll the week after Sunday, October 5th. To inform the new members who may not know about the Honor Roll, it consists of the names of those members who have pledged to the support of the Church and have paid their pledges up in full, through September.

HARVEST INGATHERING

The Woman's Council is sponsoring a harvest ingathering of food for the Emily E. Flinn Home at Marion. Mrs. Sigrist, chairman, suggests we can for the home when we do our fall canning of fruits, vegetables and jellies. All sorts of canned goods or staples will be gratefully received. Money can be donated. Please omit fruits or vegetables which have **small seeds**. Gifts of food or money should be in by October 19th. These gifts can be left in the Church office any time before that date.

ILLNESS

Mr. Bruce Masters is a patient in the Irene Byron Sanitarium.

Mr. C. B. Whitman, 1214 E. Pontiac is ill at his home.

Mrs. Walter Birkhold has been confined to her home thru illness.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. William Crouse, 3405 Alexandre St., in the recent death of her father.

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to welcome Sally Sue, born Thursday, September 11, at the Methodist Hospital. We also wish to congratulate Sally Sue's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Paul Jones and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hirschy. Mrs. Jones is in Room 406.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL BAKE SALE

The Project Committee of the Woman's Council is sponsoring a bake sale on October 4, at the Barr Street Market. The Committee will appreciate the cooperation of all the Women of the Council. Baked goods should be on market not later than 8 a.m. or as near that time as possible.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Mrs. Morrical, H-75473, has Christmas cards for sale and also samples from which you may order. Please see her or call her soon and get your orders in.

GET YOUR CARDS EARLY!

NOTES

Mrs. Lawrence Horn was the soloist for last Sunday and brought a beautiful message in song. We appreciate the contribution that our membership with musical talent bring to our church.

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES SCHOOL OF RELIGION

October 14 - November 18

If you are interested get in touch with Church Office.

FORT WAYNE CHILDREN'S HOME SEEK NEW BUILDINGS

This home supported by Evangelical and Reformed Church will build new buildings and is seeking funds from the community. Their literature is available at our office if you are interested in helping this program.



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THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: How Much Religion Do You Need?

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Special Music by the Choir

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

OUR THANKSGIVING OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED THIS SUNDAY AND THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY

This offering goes to our co-operative organizations in our Brotherhood. We are asked to make a liberal offering.

C. Y. F.

Plans are being made for the big meet to be held in December. This will be discussed Sunday Evening.

Remember the Party at the home of Mrs. Ruby Miller, Milton Street, **Saturday Evening.**

OUR BASKETBALL TEAM

Our young men are meeting regularly for practice and opened the season last Monday, winning over their opponents by a score of 17 to 9, when they played Grace Lutheran.

VISITATION EVANGELISM

Many homes are being visited in Fort Wayne by around forty men and women of our church. Invitation of Christ and his Church is being given. Many are making decisions and will be received into the church. A more detailed report will be made next week.

SPECIAL SERVICE SPONSORED BY ASSOCIATED CHURCHES

Dr. S. W. Herman, two years an officer in the World Council of Churches, former pastor of the American Church in Berlin. Interned at Bad Nauheim. This is a service you should attend, 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening at the First Presbyterian Church.

YOUR CHURCH CALLS YOU TO WORSHIP SUNDAY

A SCHOOL IN INDIA

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rice who are in charge of a boys' school near Takhatpur, one of the stations supported by Disciples of Christ through The United Christian Missionary Society in India, write the following:

"The boys in our boarding home come mostly from villages of this area, where there are no schools. Many of them come from families who have recently become Christian and we have the responsibility of helping them learn what it means to be Christian, and to surround them with an environment as nearly Christian as possible in home and school life. Our budget called for not more than seventy boys, but we have one hundred and three. We felt we just could not deny any of them the opportunity for an education and Christian teaching. So we are hoping there will be enough in our budget for these extra boys.

"The day school is attended not only by the hundred and three boys of our boarding home, but by Christian and Hindu children of surrounding villages. We have about two hundred and fifty altogether and have two sections of two of the classes with no place for the extra sections to meet, except on the school veranda.

"Crowded conditions in both school and boarding are crying out for larger quarters and better equipment. The budget of the Crusade for A Christian World which is being carried on in our church at home, carries items for a new school, a new boarding home and a bungalow for the missionary supervisors. We are hoping that churches especially interested in our work may give liberally to the Crusade, so we may be able to work more effectively in this task for the Kingdom to which we have been assigned."



FOREIGN MISSIONS

A total of \$32,829,804.00 was expended for overseas mission work during the fiscal

year 1946 by one hundred Protestant mission boards and agencies in the United States and Canada, it was reported here today by Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield, general secretary of the Foreign Missions Conferences of North America. These one hundred boards and agencies supplying information for the report are all affiliated with the ind denominational Foreign Missions Conference and represent sixty-six Protestant denominations.



AN OPEN DOOR

Hazel Green Academy, located in Eastern Kentucky, working under the auspices of The United Christian Missionary Society today, as in the past, graduates boys and girls who go out into various fields of service the better qualified to meet life because they have had the privilege of Christian training and education.

The halls resound with the scamper of perhaps a hundred or more boys and girls. What opportunities the open door at Hazel Green Academy offers! Across the year a host has passed through the doors and out into the world equipped to meet life problems and vicissitudes.



STRETCHING FORTH

Stretching ever farther the helping hand of American Christian, Church World Service has now sent supplies to thirty-four countries.

The latest were Egypt and Turkey which received religious periodicals. Shoes and surgical dressings went to Arabia. The first shipment of warm clothing to Russia war orphans has been given to the youngsters of the Smolensk Children's Home.

More than 25,000 pounds of CWS supplies were distributed in Okinawa, the first relief to reach that country.



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THE CROSS LEADS US UPWARD

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THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Thanksgiving Services for the Community are being sponsored by the Associated Churches. Our Pastor will speak at Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church on Clinton Street Thursday (Thanksgiving) morning at ten o'clock. Everyone is invited.

WOMAN'S DAY

We have been fortunate in securing Dr. Walter W. Sikes as our speaker for Woman's Day, December 7. Dr. Sikes is national director of Social Effort of the United Society, International Board of Missions and Christian Education for Disciples of Christ. Besides the usual activities in his special field of education and action on race relations and the issues of peace, Dr. Sikes is giving a large portion of his time to a Christian World Order, as one of the five objectives of the Disciples "Crusade for Christian World," ending in 1950. A Special Woman's Day offering will be taken. This is an annual offering and is used for Missions.

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES OF FORT WAYNE

The Associated Churches is sponsoring a meeting Sunday, November 23, at 7:30 P.M. at the First Presbyterian Church. Dr. Stewart W. Herman will be the guest speaker. His subject will be "The Christian Churches in Europe's Tomorrow." When Gregor Zemer, noted radio and news commentator was in Germany, Dr. Herman was his pastor. Dr. Herman was Pastor of our American Church in Berlin for five years. He is a fine speaker and knows much about the European Church situation, especially in Germany. He spent the last year of the war with the office of Strategic Service in Europe. At the close of the war Dr. Herman joined our staff in Geneva.

SICKNESS

Mrs. C. R. Sargent has been on our sick list. She is at her home, 802 Florence.

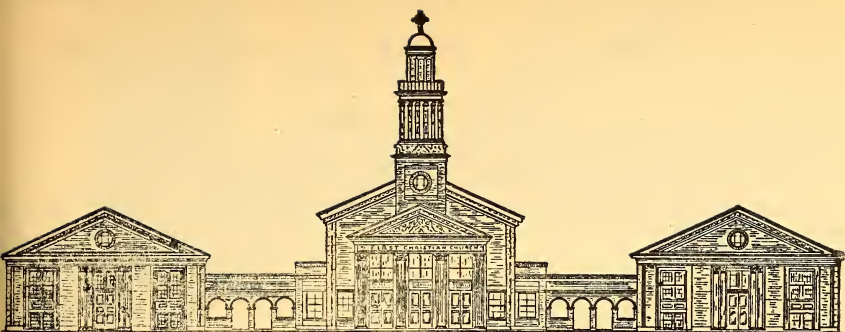
PEACE IN THE CHURCH

It is almost impossible for two opinionless, idle people to offend one another. If they are doing nothing they are not likely to have a program of their own obstructed. If they have no opinion, they are not likely to have their judgment questioned. If this is true, then it appears that the way to peace in a community is to discourage opinions and activities. And so it is—if you like the peace of a graveyard.

On the other hand, the most dangerous place for a person who is easily offended is a community of keen minded, virile, active individuals. These will all have ideas about almost everything. In voicing them, they take certain risks that their judgments may be questioned. These active individuals will find that conflicts are inevitable between their own program and others which are equally worthwhile. But, O how it hurts to have a great idea scorned, a wonderful program circumscribed by limitations! Nothing less than righteous indignation can compensate for such a hurt. And where there is the bitterness of such outraged egoism there is no peace.

It occurs to me that the hurt in such cases arises out of a personal pride that should never have been present in the first place. In the case of a church, the important matter is that the work of the church be done, not whose idea is chosen. Patience is required that the whole program succeed, not that one segment get preference. So when we give our best, let it be given freely and humbly. Let the interest of the whole community always be our first love and concern. When such is our desire, we are pleased when another has a superior suggestion. We are considerate and patient when other programs are involved. We are concerned more with God's Kingdom and less with our own pride. We have a place that is vital, creative, sublime. It cannot but be so; it's the peace divine.

I. W. L.—in Forward.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: Facing One's Failures

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Special Music by Choir

Our Church was rejoiced last Sunday by eleven adults coming forward to be received into the church. **WE ARE A GROWING CHURCH.** Many more will be received in the Sundays ahead.

Our music was exceptional last Sunday. The singing of the congregation was inspiring.

Be in the church service this Sunday. Make yourself a committee of one to meet new people and to make them feel at home in First Christian.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Mr. L. S. Sentman, our associate superintendent, who has had especial interest in the Children's House, is especially pleased with the corps of teachers for our children. They are capable persons of real character and a fine Christian outlook. The children of our homes should be in the church school every Sunday. The courses are carefully planned to give our youth a fine church background, by acquainting them with the scriptures, the great Christian teaching and the work of the church.

Our older youth groups in our high school department and our college age group are showing fine interest. Many social events are in the offing for these young people.

The church school is for the whole family from the nursery to the adults we have a place for everyone.

Our fine superintendent, Mr. Dale Parkerson, extends a cordial invitation to every member of the church, and their families.

SPECIAL NOTICE

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

THANKSGIVING MORNING — 10:00 A.M.

OUR PASTOR WILL PREACH AT THE SALEM EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED
821 South Clinton Street

Services over the city are sponsored by the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne

YOUR CHURCH CALLS YOU TO WORSHIP SUNDAY

GARNERED THOUGHTS FOR THANKSGIVING

*O praise the Lord, all ye nations;
Praise Him, all ye peoples.
For His lovingkindness is great toward us;
And the truth of the Lord endureth forever.
Praise ye the Lord.*



MOST HIGH, Almighty, good Lord God, to thee belong praise, glory, honor, and all blessing!

Praised be my Lord God for his creatures, especially for our brother the sun, who brings us the day and who brings us the light; fair is he and shines with a very great splendor: O Lord, he signifies to us thee!

Praised be my Lord for our sister the moon, and for the stars, the which he has set clear and lovely in heaven.

Praised be my Lord for our brother the wind, and for air and cloud, calms and all weather, by the which thou upholdest life in all creatures.

Praised by my Lord for our sister water, who is very serviceable unto us and humble and precious and clean.

Praised be my Lord for our brother fire, through whom thou givest us light in the darkness; and he is bright and pleasant and very mighty and strong.

Praised be my Lord for our mother the earth, the which doth sustain us and keep us and bringeth forth divers fruits and flowers of many colors and grass.

Praised be my Lord for all those who pardon one another for his love's sake, and who endure weakness and tribulation: blessed are they who peaceably shall endure, for thou, O most Highest, shalt give them a crown.

Praised be my Lord for our sister, the death of the body, from which no man escapeth. Woe to him who dieth in mortal sin!

Blessed are they who are found walking by thy most holy will, for the second death shall have no power to do them harm.

Praise ye and bless the Lord, and give thanks unto him, and serve him with great humility.

—St. Francis of Assisi

O God, whose continual mercies supply our every need, turn Thou our hearts to Thee and grant that the measure of Thy gifts to us may become the measure of our gifts to others in Thy name. May the cries of the hungry, the naked, the sick, the lonely, the fearful touch our hearts and move our hands as quickly and as freely as Thy benefits supply our needs. And so through us feed them, clothe them, restore their strength and rebuild their hopes. And bind us all together in Thy purposes and love that we may be free in Thy peace. Amen.

—W. W. Sikes



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C. F. Y. 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY

Our Youth will meet at the church and will go for a visit to the
West Creighton Avenue Christian Church

WATCH OUR BASKETBALL TEAM

Clean sport and fun in the game is characteristic of the members of our
team. Support them by your presence when you can.

Mr. Vaughn Brickley is the manager. Kenneth Lytle is the coach.

FRIENDLY BIBLE CLASS

The Friendly Bible Class will meet at the home of Mrs. Irene Kissinger, 2223
California, Friday evening, December 15 at 8:00 P.M. There will be a Christmas
Gift Exchange.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Dorcas Group will meet with Mrs. H. M. Flowers, 1616 Rumsey, Thurs-
day, December 4, at 2:00 P.M. Mrs. L. S. Sentman will give the devotions and
Mrs. Robert Truelove the program. There will be a 25 gift exchange for the adults.

The Naomi Group will meet with Mrs. C. J. Sharp, 1616 Pemberton on Wednes-
day, December 3, at 2:00 P.M. There will be a 25c gift exchange.

The Martha Group will meet with Mrs. Owen Vaught, 4035 S. Fairfield,
Wednesday, December 3, at 2:15 P.M. There will be a Christmas program.

The Ruth Group will meet with Mrs. Nellie Newland, 919 Webster St., Tues-
day, December 2, at 2:00 P.M. There will be a Christmas Gift Exchange.

The Women of the Church have been invited to attend a meeting at the
West Creighton Avenue Christian Church, next Sunday evening, November 30
at 7:30 P.M., when Rev. Potee, returned missionary from India will speak on
"India" and show movies of his work there. This invitation comes from the
women of the West Creighton Church.

"A woman who was showing a beautiful massive piece of family silver,
apologized as she took it from the cupboard where it was kept. 'It's dreadfully
tarnished,' she said, 'I can't keep it bright unless I use it.' Just so—we cannot
keep our 'Women's Council' 'bright if we do not use it, nor can we keep our-
selves in tune with the Spirit if we do not seek to entertain the Spirit. God gives
us just as much of Himself as we ask. Let us assume our rightful places in the
Church and in the Council and give ourselves into its fellowship and friendliness.
"Let him who would have a friend first prove himself friendly." Don't wait to be
urged—just come and occupy **your own place in your own Church**. This invita-
tion is also extended to all women of the community. You are all our friends.

—Thanks—to the Meeting House.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Ward Bundy is in Lutheran Hospital recovering from a recent operation.

PRAYER AND HARD WORK

By Charles A. Wells

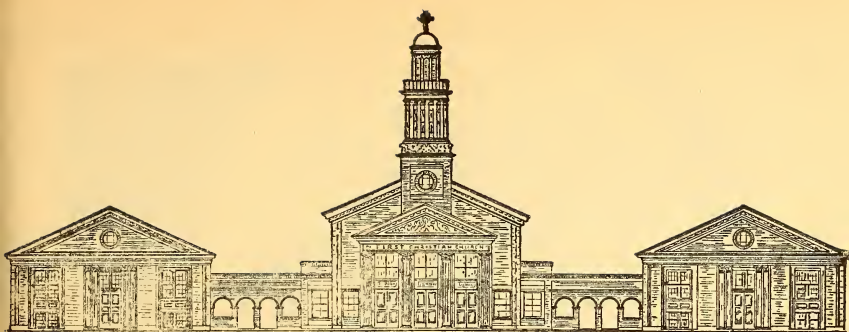
We like to picture the Pilgrim Fathers on Thanksgiving day as feasting on
the bounties of their first fruits. But this generation needs to contemplate the
fact that the fruits upon which they feasted were wrung out of a stubborn wil-
derness with unending toil and with a strength that could never have endured
had it not been for the support of ardent prayer and a living faith.

We find ourselves today caught in a wilderness of increasing economic and
social difficulties,—both at home and abroad. We have squandered much of
our resources, both spiritual and physical.

If we are to harbor our remaining treasures and rebuild our nation into the
great structure worthy of our past, we will have to recapture a faith and energy
distinctly missing in today's life. Technological improvements cannot substitute
for energy; and labor-saving gadgets in the home cannot take the place of family
prayer and an abiding faith.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

The Thanksgiving offering for Missions will be extended until next Sunday.



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SUNDAY IS WOMAN'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sunday Morning's Service will be in charge of the Woman's Council.

Dr. Walter W. Sikes, eminent leader among the Disciples of Christ. Prominent in the Washington Work Shop and recent meeting at Flushing Meadows, will bring the Message of the Morning.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Special Music by Choir

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

As we go into December there will be a Christmas emphasis in the programs of the various departments of the Church.



EDUCATION LEADERSHIP MEETING

Dr. Sikes will lead a meeting in missionary leadership education.

2:30 P.M.

The officers of the Woman's Council and the officers of the various circles of the Council are expected to be present at this meeting.

This will be an unusual program. Plan to come, bring note books and pencils.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S OPEN FORUM

6:00 P.M.

An open meeting sponsored by our youth group. Discussion at 6:30 P.M. Dr. Sikes will speak on the United Nations and its religious implications for the Christian in these days. West Creighton young people will be our guests. The older young people are invited to share in this program. Adults are invited to attend the discussion period.

A GROWING FIELD

A new mission station usually grows slowly, but its growth lays the foundation for future work. Reports coming from Resistencia, Argentina, indicate that there is progress in this relatively new station. Sunday school attendance is growing and recently there were forty-seven, the largest number since the Sunday school began. A young people's group has been organized and officers elected. They meet twice a month in the home of Virginia and T. J. Liggett and have a business meeting, program and social period. A group of intermediate girls meet each Monday afternoon for lessons in sewing and cooking, and for recreation.

Recently Mr. Liggett started an English class for a number of the young people who had been asking for it.

These seem small gains but the work is going forward not backwards.

APOSTLE OF LITERACY

Dr. Frank C. Laubach, former missionary to Moros in the Philippines, and now the "apostle of literacy" to most of the world, is now en route to Great Britain and Africa in the interests of the Committee on World Literacy and Christian literature of the interdenominational Foreign Mission Conference of North America.

Following extensive conferences for the promotion of literacy work with English, Irish, and Scotch missionary societies, and a great public meeting in Central Hall, Westminster, London, Dr. Laubach will leave for Africa. Here he will visit Sierra Leone, Liberia, the Gold Coast, Nigeria, French Cameroons, the Belgian Congo, Ruanda-Urundi, Northern Rhodesia, and the Transvaal. In most of these countries he will assist in developing reading clubs, basic literature and campaigns on the "each one teach one" plan.



MISSIONARY REGISTER

From foreign fields of endeavor our missionaries return to this country for rest, study and speaking engagements through the churches. After furlough they go renewed in spirit and body to the various fields.

Among those going back late this fall and winter are: Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Smith who go to Belgian Congo for their fourth term. They do evangelistic and agricultural work at Lotumbe where they try by demonstration to teach the Congolese how to live fuller lives.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer G. Boyer are also going back to the Congo where they first went in 1921. They both preach and teach.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Whitmer, who have been home on their first furlough, are going to Belgium for several months of study, after which they will continue on their return trip to the Belgian Congo.

Sailing soon for China are the Joseph Smiths, who have been in the United

States recuperating from their internment by the Japanese in the Philippines.

Mr. and Mrs. Church Smiley, missionaries to India since 1921, are planning to resume their evangelistic work there in a short time. Also returning to India will be Miss Neva Nicholson, worker in evangelistic, industrial, and educational missions since 1916; and Miss Edith Clare Wald who has been home on her first furlough after spending five years in Central Provinces, India.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Allan will return to Jamaica for their second term. I. Alexander Paul, veteran missionary, has been relieving them during this furlough period.

Just as these are going back to their glorious task, others are coming home on furloughs. Among these are: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hughes and Miss Agnes Fishbach to Paraguay and Miss Pearl Gibbons from Mexico.



*Consecrate them in the truth; thy word is truth
As thou didst send me into the world, so I have
sent them into the world. And for their sake I
consecrate myself, that they also may be conse-
crated in truth.*

John 17:17-19

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THE CHOIR PARTY

The Choir members and their families will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Horn, Sandpoint Road, on Thursday, December 11. Please meet at the Church before 7:15 at which time the group will leave for the Horn residence. Following rehearsal, choir members and guests will enjoy a social hour together.

ELDERS SERVING IN DECEMBER

December 7: J. Z. Berlien, Robert Clipp
14: Alex. M. Campbell, Owen Vaught
21: Myron M. Cole, P. H. Somers
28: Hugh D. Rice, John F. Davis

DEACONS SERVING IN DECEMBER

Glenn R. Miller, Captain, H-66688, Arthur W. Davis, Ass't. Captain, Luther Childers, Kenneth V. Lytle, Orville Miller and H. K. Pritchard.

When unable to serve, please notify your Captain.

WOMAN'S DAY

Next Sunday is **Woman's Day**. The special offering will go to missions. Dr. Walter W. Sikes will be the guest speaker. Dr. Sikes is national director of peace and interracial understanding in the Department of Social Welfare of The United Christian Missionary Society, international Board of Missions and Christian education for the Disciples of Christ. It will be a rare treat to hear Dr. Sikes, let us give him a fine hearing.

Dr. Sikes will meet with the Officers of the Council and Circles at 2:30 Sunday afternoon. This meeting will be credited toward our goal in the Crusade.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Rachel group is sponsoring a luncheon, Wednesday, December 10, at 12:30 P.M. Tickets can be obtained from your circle leader or reservations may be made with Mrs. Irene Cline, H-65781. Following the election of officers, Mrs. A. C. Worley will review the book, "While The Angels Sing" by Mrs. Gladys Carroll. This is a very new book and a beautiful Christmas Story. After the review, the Rachel group will have a short business session and a 25c Christmas gift exchange.

The New Evening Group (Esther Circle) will meet at the home of Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, 2326 S. Webster St., Wednesday, December 10, at 8:00 P.M. Mrs. M. Favory, president, will conduct a short business session. Mrs. Jessie Collier will have charge of the program. There will be a 50c Christmas gift exchange.

The Christmas meeting of the **Evening Guild** will be held in the Art Museum, **December 15 at 8:00 o'clock**. Mr. Walter McBride, director of the Art School, will show slides of famous paintings of a Christmas nature. Mr. McBride will give a discussion about these pictures while showing them. The program includes Christmas Music. All members of the Woman's Council and their husbands are cordially invited to attend this party.

THE PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Class will have a Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 16, at the Sears Pavilion. There will be a Christmas Gift Exchange and Santa Claus will be there.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

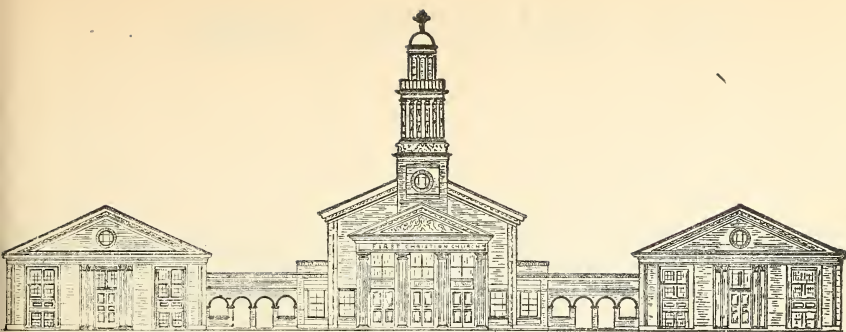
Mrs. F. E. Morrical will have Christmas cards, for pick-up and for sale in the Social Room, next Sunday morning after the services.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The December meeting of the Official Board will be Wednesday, December 10, at 7:45.

ILLNESS

Mrs. John Davis, 2946 Plaza Dr., is in Methodist Hospital for an appendectomy. Mr. Darrell Helmuth, 1232 Fairfield Ave., is in St. Joseph Hospital having been injured in an automobile accident last Sunday. The Helmuth family are friends of the Church.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Minister's Message: Are You Getting What You Want?

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Special Music by Choir. Soloist: Mrs. L. A. Horn

This Sunday our congregational hymns will be some of the beautiful old Christmas carols. We appreciate the way our people sing as a congregation. Don't miss any of the service during this Christmas season.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

The Christmas spirit is pervading our church school. In the Children's House, one group is constructing a Christmas window that is to be lighted. Another group is practicing for their share in the Christmas sharing. All of them have various plans and projects.

Bring your Children with you to the Church School, that is the right way.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEET SUNDAY

REGISTRATION 2:00 P.M.

Our church will be alive with over 150 youth of our churches in Northeastern Indiana. Several churches are bringing their youth by bus loads.

The theme of the meet is "Together We Witness for Christ."

The study theme is "World Evangelism."

The meet will last through the afternoon and will continue through an evening meeting.

Rev. Becker, youth director of the Downey Avenue Christian Church of Indianapolis, Indiana, will be the principal speaker.

The young people of First Christian will present the worship program in the afternoon.

The recreation period will be conducted in the Recreation Center across Fairfield Avenue from the church and will be led by Mrs. Ruby Miller.

Rev. Robert M. Hopkins, Jr., is assisting in planning the program.

The ladies of the Progressive Class are preparing the dinner for these young people. Registration committee consists of Betty Regan, Lowell Dare, Dean Yoquelet, and Donna Schrecongost. Recreation Committee: Wanda Horn and Margaret Powers. Hospitality Committee: Marilyn Richards, Nancy Drewett, Marian Cheney and Norman King. Intermediate Committee: Donna Edhart and Mona Edhart. Worship: Marilyn Gaskill, R. Whitton and Margaret Powers. The registration fee which includes the dinner is \$1.00.

WE OWE IT TO THEM



Growing and Knowing About Jesus' Way

The Christian Heritage Must Go Forward

Our children speak of the opportunity before First Christian! We must meet the challenge in our church.

The Presence of our Youth gives!

Everyone in our Church can have a part in this sharing of Christian Heritage through his pledge to the Church.

Scores of our members support the church liberally and as regularly as they pay their Utility bills and other obligations.

Our growing opportunities call for increased and expanded support. Your increased help now will pay dividends in character and will be a continuous satisfaction and joy to you tomorrow.

LET'S FACE THE FACTS

Expenses have greatly increased. We, individually, accept this and pay our bills regularly. For instance coal has gone up over 50 per cent — Gasoline has gone even higher. Weekly trolley fare have increased from \$1.00 to \$1.25.

The Church has operating costs. And these have gone up. We must not only maintain our program, we must continually improve our Church facilities for preparing our youth for future leadership.

Our opportunity is here! **Will you** do your share?

Be one of 400 who will make new or increased pledges for 1948. Pledge yourself by December 28.



THEY ARE THE LIFE BLOOD OF OUR CHURCH

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CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES HAVE BEGUN

This week the Christmas tree will be brought into the church and will be trimmed. The appeal of our Associate Superintendent brought a fine response. The classes of the church are co-operating in trimming the tree this year. It will have many uses as the various organizations put on their parties.

EVENING GUILD

The Evening Guild cordially invites the members of the Woman's Council and their husbands to their Christmas Party, which is being given at the Art Museum, Monday evening, December 15 at 8:00 o'clock. Mr. Walter McBride, director of the Art School will show slides of famous paintings of a Christmas nature and will discuss these paintings while they are being shown. There will be Christmas music and refreshments.

TWO DOLLARS OR MORE PER WEEK CLUB

We are pleased to announce that 32 are members of our Two Dollars and More Per Week Club. This is a growing club. As we are thinking over the pledge we shall make this year. If you have not done so, consider becoming a member of this club.

BASKETBALL

Our youth are interested in Basketball. And our team is making a good record. If you have not seen them in their new suits, if you have not seen how speedy they are, come to the first game. You will enjoy the game and encourage our fellows.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. A. B. Sheckler entered the Caylor-Nickel Clinic Monday for surgery.

Mrs. Ruby Miller has been confined to her home with the flu.

Mr. Leon Stabler is in the Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Ellery Flaugh is a patient in the Methodist Hospital.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, SUNDAY

The following have been nominated for office in the First Christian Church to take office January, 1948.

Trustees: H. W. Sigrist, Clay Orchard. Elders: D. W. Leversee, Z. Berlein, Walter Birkhold and Dr. A. C. Worley.

Deacons: Clayton Yoquelet, Allan Bell, H. C. Banet, Dale Bailey, Richard Schrecongost, M. G. Heller, Sherman Myers, P. H. Somers, Fred Wilson, R. H. Cole, M. S. Kreps, Geo. J. Krall, Arza Smith, Robert E. Working, Hugh Tracey.

Deaconesses: Mrs. C. F. Ellison, Mrs. Henry Flowers, Mrs. Earl Fusselman, Mrs. F. E. Morrical.

Treasurer: Glenn Miller. Financial Secretary: Carter D. Palmer. Assistant Financial Secretaries: Delmas Young, Mrs. David Hogg, Charles E. Fuchshuber. Church Clerk: Mrs. Owen Vaught. Church School Superintendents: Co-superintendents: Dale Parkerson and L. S. Sentman.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Party for the Children: Bring the children to the church Friday, December 19th, at 7:00 p.m. There will be a program by the children, a beautiful movie and treats for all the kiddies.

Come Double Party: This party will be held at the home of Steadman Fountain, Friday evening, December 19th. It will follow the party at the church.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE EMILY FLINN HOME

Instead of the usual gifts for individuals in the Home, the Committee is, at the suggestion of Miss Harter, soliciting you for a gift of money with which can be purchased such items as card tables, curtains, dress lengths (3½ to 4 yds. each), etc. Will you please be a committee of one to see either Mrs. Durfee or Mrs. Vaught next Sunday and present them with your gift? Gifts large or small will be appreciated.



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Christmas Greetings

When we are about to come to the conclusion that Christian ethics cannot be absorbed into this immensely energetic, acquisitive, worldly life of a very prosperous people; when we begin to wonder if that kingdom, which is not of this world, can hold its own in this actual world of wealth and power, then Christmas comes.

In this august business of undertaking to live as human beings, Christmas gives us a real goal. In these times of uncertainty, Christmas, in its setting and messages, speaks of the steady, dependable factors of our universe and connects them with hope, peace, goodwill, and a benign providence. As long as mankind can renew in its heart the scene of a mother and child, rich and poor, the wisemen and the shepherds, a light that cannot be limited by earth with its limitation, a song that is heavenly in its origin and world-wide in its implications, we shall retain our faith that all things work together for good to them that love God. May this Christmas be truly a Christian Christmas for you and yours.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Talmage Beck
and Martha Jeannette.

CHRISTMAS AT FIRST CHRISTIAN

December 21st.

Morning Worship 10:30 A. M.

Christmas Message—"Light a Candle On Christmas"

Our Sanctuary will be beautiful in Christmas decorations

Christmas Carols — — — Beautiful Special Music

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Christmas Sunday Services and lesson program.

SERVICE FOR BLESSING THE CHILDREN

Parents will bring their children to church at 11:15 A.M.

These Children will be brought into the church sanctuary at 11:35, for blessing Service. Mrs. Walter C. Birkhold with her committee will be in charge.

WE GIVE TO THE WHOLE PROGRAM OF THE CHURCH



BUDGET 1948

Missions	Education, Benevolence Schools, Hospitals,		
	World Work	\$ 2,579.00	
	Crusade for Christian World	3,500.00	\$ 6,079.00
Salaries			9,348.00
Work of Church, Supplies, Office, Tidings, Music,			
	Baptism, Bulletin, Literature		1,825.00
Insurance, Conventions, Bank Service,			
	Envelopes, Reserve		1,890.00
Maintenance, Taxes, Rents, Repairs, Upkeep			1,664.00
		Total Budget	\$21,956.00
		Expected Revenue	1,260.00
		Net Budget	\$20,696.00

Suggested ways to meet our budget by giving on a weekly basis.
Find your place and pledge by December 28th.

This number and amounts of weekly pledges will meet our 1948 budget.

\$10	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$1.25	\$1.00	50c	25c
2	6	6	5	6	40	20	8	100	100	50

Less than 25c

60

Increase your giving this year. Tithing is suggested in the Bible.

Be one of 400 to make new or increased pledges for 1948.

THEY GAVE AS THEY LOVED

The first Disciples were Jews and they exceeded the tithe in their giving (Acts 5:34-35). They did it without command, through love. "He that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Let every man give according as he purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity, for the Lord loveth a cheerful giver." (II Cor. 9:6-8)

CHRIST EXPECTS US TO GIVE MONEY

Jesus took time to watch how people gave their money (Mark 12:). He taught "Keep yourselves from all covetousness" (Luke 12:15) He rebuked the selfish rich, (Luke 16:19-31) and did not omit the responsibility of the poor. To each according to his abilities, (Luke 25:14-30). Even though we have little, we are responsible. Jesus approved **Tithing**. Jesus said, "Then ye ought to have done this, (Matt. 23:23).

Generosity is an important step in redemption and salvation of our souls. There is a relation between our earthly sharing and our heavenly Reward. "Lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven." "Where your treasure is there is your heart also."

HERE IS THE PROMISE

"Bring ye all the tithes into the store house . . . and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it," (Malachi 3:10).

Be one of 400 to make new or increased pledges. Make your pledge for 1948 by December 28th.

WE GIVE FOR THE CHURCH THAT IS TO BE KEEP OUR HERITAGE ALIVE



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CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE — SUNDAY. — 7:30 P.M.

This beautiful service of carols, led by our choir has become a regular feature of our Christmas Observance.

WHITE GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS WILL BE BROUGHT TO ALL OF THESE SERVICES

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN — Friday, December 19th—7:00 p.m.

Program from Children's House — Sound Movies on Christmas

Santa Claus and treats for our children about Christmas Tree

Your entire family will find joy and inspiration in each of these services.

Let the keeping of a Christian Christmas include all these services.

ORCHIDS

To our Young People who did such a grand job in being host to the Northestern Young People's Meet on Sunday. Their adult leaders played a grand part in this program. Our young people gave the opening worship service.

To the men and women of the Progressive Class who didn't let our young people down, but backed them in a real way by furnishing a most appetizing supper. Not a small job to prepare to feed 150 young folk.

Our Two Dollars and More Per Week Club Is Growing

We are pleased to report that additional pledges of Two Dollars and more per week have come in since our last report. **We salute this club.**

Among Our Sick

Mrs. Olga Heidecker has been quite ill at her home, 4001 Indiana Avenue.

Christmas Caroling

Many of our youth groups have caroling in their plans for the Christmas season.

THE CHURCH ENVELOPES for 1948 have been placed on tables at the rear of the Sanctuary. **Please remember to pick up your box. Check the name on the box** as your box number may not be the same as last year. If you do not find your envelopes speak to Mrs. Vaught and she will see that you get your box.

CALENDERS—We have Religious Calenders, donated by the Robert Klaehn & Sons. They are in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please take yours.

Newly Elected Officers

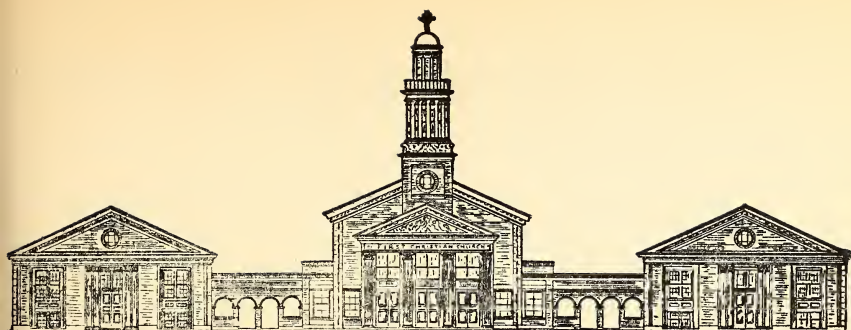
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Christmas for Emily Flinn Home

December 21, is your last opportunity to give to the fund to be used for purchasing gifts for the Emily E. Flinn Home at Marion, Indiana. See Mrs. Durfee, Miss Leah Miller or Mrs. Vaught. Thank you.

WHITE GIFTS—Christmas baskets will be filled and delivered to the needy families of the Church. **Bring your white gifts of food** next Sunday morning. Place them at the front of the Sanctuary. If you wrap your gifts, please mark the kind of food it is on the outside of the package. You will all experience a great joy in sharing in this way.

ORGANIZATION MEETING—Newly elected Officers of the Church will meet with the present Officers of the Board, Sunday following the morning worship service for the purpose of organizing and electing a Chairman of the Board, Vice-Chairman, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Elders, Deacons and Deaconesses.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A. M.

Subject of Sermon: What Is Your Life?

Preacher: The Pastor

Sunday will be the last Worship service in 1947. This is a good time for one to take stock of his life: his failings, his weaknesses and his strong points, should be evaluated. In this great time between Christmas and New Year's Day we can find a blessing in God's house, and strength we need. Be in your place this Sunday at Church.

Organ Prelude—10:25 A. M.

Special Music by the Choir.

MEN'S FORUM SPONSORS FAMILY NIGHT, SUNDAY

Supper — 6:15 P. M.

Every Family in our church is invited to come Bring a covered dish and service for the table.

Joe Clark, President of the Men's Forum, will preside The newly elected officers of the Men's Forum for 1948 will be installed. There will be special music and group singing. There will be moving pictures for our children.

Rabbi Frederick A. Doppelt will be the guest speaker and will speak upon the subject: **The Value of Worship In The Home.** This will be a real opportunity for our membership to get the viewpoint of our neighbor in the nearby synagogue.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Our Church has had a great experience in celebrating this Christmas season in special programs and parties. The school co-operated heartily in the worship services, including the Sunday evening Candle-light Services.

White Gifts were distributed to deserving people of our church and community. The remainder will be sent to our Marion Home for the Aged.

MAKE A NEW OR INCREASED PLEDGE BY DECEMBER 28th

The finance committee is pleased with the response that our membership is making to their program for financing the program of our church. If you have not made your pledge as yet look over the last two issues of the Tidings. **Read again the letters** that have been sent to you. Study them carefully and prayerfully. Then make your pledge. **Be one of the 400 to make a new or increased pledge for 1948.**

CHRISTMAS

*Snow, holly wreaths, candles,
Mystery, secrets, gifts —*

*Songs, plays, poems, music,
Church and community programs —*

*Alluring shop windows,
Beautifully lighted trees —*

*Decisions to forgive and restore friendships,
Forgetting self in bringing joy to others.*

*Carols, adoration, peace,
A star, The Babe, goodwill to all.*

*May the eager, expectant spirit of childhood possess you
As you seek to understand more clearly His Way for you,*

*May the resourceful spirit of youth guide you
As you share with His fellowmen,*

*May the thoughtful spirit of maturity strengthen you
As you join with others to work in His Kingdom —*

That you may indeed have fellowship with the Prince of Peace!

— Mayble M. Epp.





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FAMILY NIGHT

The Rabbi Doppelt will be the guest speaker on Family Night, December 28th. This will be a carry-in dinner. Please bring your own table service, sandwiches and a covered dish of food. Coffee will be served. Keep this date open on your calendar.

Miss Ardelle Fisher and Miss Aileen Mentzer will bring special music on piano and marimba. Among the selections will be the Hungarian Rhapsody and Ava Maria.

STATEMENTS TO MEMBERS

The statements will be mailed this week in order to give those who wish to do so to clear up your pledges before the end of the year.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Emma Smith is in the Lutheran Hospital room 179.

COME DOUBLE CLASS

The Come Double Class elected officers at their Christmas Party. Mrs. M. S. Kreps, President, Mr. Armstrong, vice-president and Mrs. Don Eyre, secretary.

NOTES

The Christmas decorations in our sanctuary were arranged by Mrs. Ruth Anderson, Mrs. David Hogg and Mrs. C. F. Ellison.

THE PLACE OF THE MINISTER

The minister should be the counselor and adviser in all departments of church life. He is professionally trained in organization and administration. He is experienced in methods of church work and in materials to further the work of the departments. He will know the spiritual implications involved in the function of each department. His guidance will coordinate the various phases of the church program. The minister's training will enable him to advise officers and committees as to effective plans and methods. He will help them find material to study in various departments and enable them to define their responsibilities. One of the most important tasks of the modern minister is that of administration. The effectiveness of the church will depend largely upon his inspiration and guidance of its lay leaders. Various officers, departmental leaders, and committee members should seek the counsel of the minister in planning their programs and in preparing themselves to assume their responsibility in executing the plans that have been finally agreed upon and adopted by the church board as the program of the church.

"THE CHURCH FUNCTIONING EFFECTVELY"

—Dean O. L. Shelton, Butler University

FOUR MILLIONS OF THEM

During a recent month the Dominie buried three women, ages 30, 32, and 36. On the data card handed him was this item: "Cause of death:—Chronic alcoholism". These are but three. It is estimated however, that country over we have some four million persons classified as alcoholics. These statistics do not tell the story of the lost- week-ends, lost years, lost lives, respect, dignity; lost money, lost talents and reputations; lost mothers, fathers, children. They do not tell the story of shame, hurt, sin, nor of woundings, disease and wasting; nor of frustrations, failures and misunderstandings. Four million sick persons! Of poor decisions, wills and decaying ambitions. The problem of alcoholism has become an important national one and is long overdue for national consideration. The people who do drink are the persons who should not. One wonders why our Federal Government has not shown more interest in this product of the federal revenue! Right soon something must be done with this enormous group of citizens who find the instrument of their torture so easily accessible and so readily available. Religion will help; does help. Think of this: "He restoreth my soul."

—Temple Tidings, First Presbyterian Church, Oakland.



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NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS!

The sun is rising on a new year. And our work lies before us. Let us thank God that we are here now. Let us avoid the superstition that "the good old times" belonged to God, but this year belongs to man, blind chance, to evil men. From such superstitions come laziness, fanaticism and unbelief. Fear not. Christ has the keys of death and hell. He has been through them both and lives forevermore. Let us go forward. God leads us. Let us assume the task that lies ahead as those under the urgency of God's great purpose. May we pray for an understanding heart, for the peace that comes as we sense the presence of God. The first Christians lived in as troublous times, as discouraging days as our own, but this did not deter them from great plans for God and the church of Christ. This only increased their expressions of love. This urgency is sorely needed by all of us in the world of today. May we never dim this message of love and kindness, God needs this in us. God demands it. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought to love one another."

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Talmage Beck.

WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: "What You Are Going To Be"
Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Preacher: Pastor
Special Music

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

The Junior and Intermediate Departments are sending a box of supplies for school children in France through Church World service.

6:00 P.M.

The CYF: Calling all members for an important meeting Sunday evening. There will be a snack lunch.

RESPONSE OF FINANCE PROGRAM

Increased pledges are coming in. Many new pledges are being made. \$2.00 and more per week Club is growing. This speaks in a most definite way. This reveals the loyal membership of First Christian. With the Crusade for a Christian World written into our budget; with the forward-looking program of our church being put into operation, we, as Christians, will answer the challenge and give as liberally as we can. Some of our members are finding real joy in the **tithing program**. Christ does not force us. He simply asks, "What do ye more than others?" Let us make our giving this year a blessed experience.

RING OUT, WILD BELLS

*Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.*

*Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.*

— Alfred Tennyson.



A COMMON ENEMY

"The Tuberculosis Center in Nanking is continuing its cooperation with us this fall in the student health work. They made X-ray examinations early this month of all the new students. The University will accept no new student who is found to be suffering from active tuberculosis. This screening process is valuable to us in our health program. We still have a number of old students with tuberculosis, however, for whom we feel a definite responsibility. There is a group of sixty whom we need to keep under observation. We are now in the process of follow-up examinations on these students, most of whom are doing well and are able to carry on with a modified school program. Six patients we are keeping in the infirmary this semester, all of whom have had active tuberculosis within recent months. These are taking part time school work but observing special rest hours. We have had good cooperation from the students in this tuberculosis control program and, with but one or two exceptions, the X-ray follow-up examinations to date have shown satisfactory improvement. As this work pro-

gresses, we are more and more convinced of the value of periodic X-ray examinations for our young people, so that the disease can be discovered in its early stage before symptoms appear."

DR. MARGARET SMYTHE

Nanking Christian University



CHRISTMAS UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS

"Who brings the gifts, mamita?"

"The Kings, hijito. Long ago, they brought gifts to the Christ Child. No every January sixth, they come quietly, oh so quietly, on their camels and lead to all the sleeping boys and girls gifts at the Christmas time."

In the Latin American home, Christmas is a family day, beginning with a series of festivals which climax on "Dia de Reyes," the Day of the Kings. Each family will build the nativity scene in some decorated spot of the home. All day long friends go from home to home admiring the various versions—elaborate, humble, old, new, large, or small—of the Bethlehem birthplace.

After Christmas Day, the stores bring out their merchandise and on the sidewalks as throngs of people buy the gifts the Kings will bring. On the Eve of the sixth, after the shoes have been put outside the door in the patio, and hay and water carefully placed for the camels, the children hurry early to bed to wait for the Kings.

As in the days of old they came bearing gifts to the Christchild, so they still quietly each year to fill the shoes of children. No one has seen the Kings or the camels, but all day long the children play with the toys they have brought.



There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to you call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.

— Eph. 4:4-6

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NOTES

Rabbi Frederic Doppelt gave a most stirring message upon worship in the Jewish home at our family night.

New Officers for the Men's Forum were inducted Sunday evening. President Don Eyre has called a meeting of the executive committee and an interesting year lies ahead.

CONGRATULATION!

To Mr. and Mrs. Baskin in the birth of a baby boy. Mrs. Baskin and baby are in the St. Joseph Hospital.

AMONG THE SICK

Mrs. S. H. Randolph is a grandmother. Her granddaughter is doing nicely. Mrs. Randolph is the Methodist Hospital.

Glenn Miller has a bandaged arm due to an injury received at the G.E.

DEACONS SERVING IN JANUARY

Dale Hiler, Captain, H-79693; Delmas Young, H. K. Pritchard, J. W. Haffner, R. J. Rousseau, H. M. Flowers, Dempsey Weaver, Don J. Eyer. If unable to serve, please call your Captain.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The regular meeting of the Official Board will be on Wednesday, January 7, at 7:45 P.M.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Rachel Group will meet with Mrs. Irene Cline, 129 E. Lexington Ave., Tuesday, January 6 at 2:15 P.M.

The Martha Group will meet with Mrs. Wayne Rousseau, 926 W. Wildwood Ave., Wednesday, January 7, at 2:15 P.M.

The Ruth Group will meet with Mrs. Fred Wilson, 1332 W. Washington, Tuesday, January 6, at 2:15 P.M.

The Naomi Group will meet with Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, 926 Lake Ave., Friday, January 9, at 2:15 P.M.

The Dorcas Group will meet with Mrs. J. C. Gerrard, 2620 Central Drive, Thursday, January 8, at 2:15 P.M.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME WE CONTINUE TO GROW

New members by statement or letter: Mrs. Roger Symms, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bruss, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Stults, Mrs. Martin C. Brudi, Mr. and Mrs. Orlie Conner, Mrs. Ellery Flaugh, Mrs. Harry Armitage, Mrs. Aden Current. By baptism: Mr. Robert Hill, Mrs. A. B. Sheckler, Miss Dorothy Stults, Miss Gertrude Stults, Mr. Martin C. Brudi, Mr. Ellery D. Flaugh, Miss Phyllis Baldwin, Mr. Edward Sechler, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Presnell.

We cordially welcome these new members into the life and fellowship of our Church.

FRIENDLY BIBLE CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. Harry Imbody, 441 Buchanan St., Friday evening, January 2nd, at 8:00 P.M.

NEW OFFICERS 1948

There will be Installation of Officers Sunday, January 4, at the Morning Worship hour. New Officers elected for 1948: Trustees, Clay Orchard, Herman W. Sigrist. Elders, Walter C. Birkhold, Bertram W. Leversee, John Z. Berlien, Dr. A. C. Worley. Deacons, Clayton Yoquelet, Alan Bell, Merland G. Heller, Leo Miller, Preston H. Somers, Fred Wilson, Romane Cole, Dale Bailey, Richard Schrecongost, Arza Smith, J. Hugh Tracey. Deaconesses, Mrs. H. M. Flowers, Mrs. F. E. Morrical. Chairman of the Official Board, Owen O. Vaught; Vice-Chairman, Collins Mannan; Chairman, Trustees, W. C. Birkhold; Chairman, Elders, Albert Egly; Chairman, Deacons, C. F. Durfee; Vice-Chairman, M. G. Heller; Chairman, Deaconesses, Mrs. E. N. Schlatter; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Fred Wilson.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A. M.

Sermon: Half of The Truth.

Preacher: Pastor.

We appreciate the way our members come on time. The organ prelude at 10:25 is a time for the church meditation and is an invitation to come together in the spirit of worship. Mr. Scott will preside at the organ and Mr. Oldridge will direct the choir.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A. M.

In spite of very icy weather, many of our children and adults were at Sunday School. The youth of our church are looking forward to Youth Week which begins the last Sunday in January and continues through the first Sunday in February.

OUR FINANCES

The finance committee is pleased to report that there are many increases in pledges this year. Some have doubled their pledges, some have increased their pledges fifty per cent. There are many new pledges. The two dollars or more per week club is growing with each week's report. If you have not sent in your pledge, please do so. This will be greatly appreciated by your finance committee.

Annual Meeting of Associated Churches

Thursday evening, January 15th — 7:30 P. M. Wayne St. Methodist Church

All members of the church are invited to attend this annual meeting. Reports will be given.

Religious Census will be taken of Fort Wayne and vicinity. The First Christian Church will do its share. Names of many prospects for our church will be obtained. Between two and three thousand census takers will be needed. All religious bodies of the city will co-operate. Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish. Our pastor is chairman of the Committee which worked out the original plans and was named chairman of the new enlarged committee.

Our Minister's Christmas

The minister and his family wish to express their appreciation for the multitude of Christmas and New Year messages that came to their home during the Christmas season.

BIBLES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

During the war years the American Bible Society printed and distributed more than 58,000,000 copies of the Scriptures in 158 languages. Today its presses are providing Scriptures for all the world. Reports show that in Germany, 4,000,000 Bibles, 6,000,000 New Testaments are needed; 2,500,000 New Testaments and 150,000 Bibles are asked for in Japanese; and millions more are to be prepared for the people of China, the Philippines, various European countries, and Latin America.



AN UNUSUAL CUSTOM

"Along with the language study we have been learning the customs of the people. They still practice the use of the bride price here even at the mission. The Christians are talking of dropping it but if rightly used it can be good. A man seeking a wife will give her father a spear, a pair of pants and shirt, a pair of shoes or hat, a gift of money; and the mother a hoe, a piece of cloth for a dress, and big knife for use in cutting brush in her garden. The girl gets a new dress. No man has that much money at once, so all his relatives help to collect it. The father of the girl has to divide the money with his relatives, too. This acts as a stabilizing influence since if the couple has a quarrel all the family is interested. If they separate all the wife's family must collect the gifts and money and return them when the wife is in the wrong. When it is the fault of the husband his family loses all the gifts. So both families try to keep the couple together.

"But problems arise in the best of families. One missionary tells of a case where the wife accused her husband of giving her 'the hind leg of the animal killed in the chase.' He found that the custom of dividing the animal was fixed by age-long custom. One fore leg goes to the hunter's father, for he it was who supported the hunter by his strong arm until he learned to fend for himself. One hind leg goes to the ancestral owner of the land, for the animal ran on his land. The mother gets the abdomen, and the hunter's children get the ears as when he takes them in his arms they are attracted by and grasp his ears. The hunter's sisters receive the neck of the animal, as if their brother flees the consequences of an evil deed the injured party will put halters around their necks and hold them as hostage. The one who calls directions and the dogs which bark get the throat for their help. The hunter's grandfather gets the kidneys as his teeth are too weak for the meat. The breast goes to the head of the family, and the legs, heart, intestines and skin go to the hunter.

"There yet remains the back, which goes to the hunter's wife that her back may be strong in her work. The case in question hinged on this last. The wife suspected rightly that her husband was reserving her part, the best piece of all, to relieve the aches and pains of some other woman's back. Almost all the non-Christian men and many who are Christians, fall before the temptation to have more than one woman to work and earn money for him and to give him greater standing in the community."

OLA AND LOUIS HARRIS
Coquilbatville, Belgian Congo

*I sought his love in sun and stars,
And where the wild seas roll,
And found it not. As mute I stood,
Fear overwhelmed my soul;
But when I gave to one in need,
I found the Lord of Love indeed.*

—THOMAS CURTIS CLARK.



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He went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the sabbath day. And he stood up to read; and there was given him the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Luke 4:16, 17

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Known For Our Friendliness

Visitors of our church are impressed by our friendliness. One remarked the other day, "The people seem to be so happy to be in church." Jesus spent a lot of time talking about happiness. The sermon of the mount is concerned with this in the blessed way of life. People happy in the church, happy in the thing they are doing, happy for the Christian message. The joy and happiness of Christian living will always find expression in intelligent friendliness.

Junior and Intermediate Choir

The youth of the Junior and Intermediate department have formed a choir. Miss Anita Fitch is directing this choir. There were eleven out last Saturday for the first practice. They will meet again this Saturday at eleven o'clock. Mrs. Beck is superintendent of the intermediate and Junior Departments.

Woman's Council

The Esther Group will meet with Mrs. C. D. Palmer, 2625 Wells St., Tuesday evening, January 13, at 7:45.

Illness

Mrs. E. R. Moser, 2816 Central Drive has been ill and is still a shut-in at her home. She may have callers.

Mrs. Lillian McCall is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Our Sympathy

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Flowers and family in the loss of Mother and Grandmother, Mrs. N. M. Flowers.

Our Minister Entertains The Newly Elected Officers

There were 31 reservations for the Buffet Supper which was given by our minister to the newly elected Officers on Tuesday evening, January 6.

From the "Baptist Observer" came this little gem.

"The story of a certain well-known American business man with whom another big business man sought an appointment on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The first man courteously declined with the words 'I have an appointment with God at that hour, in fact I have a standing appointment for every Sunday in the year for that hour. When I became a member of the church, I made an appointment with the other members of my church that, together, we would have conference with God at that hour, and I have never missed that appointment except when I was sick.'"

I hope that my story does for you what it did for me. Frankly it got hold of my heart and has been tingling in my imagination ever since. "An appointment with God"—that's what it is.

—Crown Height's Broadcaster.

Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated wickedness; Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. —Psalm 45:7.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. —Psalm 103:10,11.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Our organ prelude begins at 10:25 A.M. This has been indicated as a curtain to separate us from disturbing accents of the world.

Christians through the centuries have kept the first day of the week to meet about the table of their Lord. Few indeed should be those things that should keep you absent from the Lord's House on Sunday.

Sermon Subject: **Who Is Right**

Preacher: Our Pastor

Special Music — Anthem by the Choir

Fine congregation last Sunday.

Be In Church This Sunday

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

The faithful attendance of the teachers of our Children's House is most commendable. The best of lessons helps are used by the teachers. The new magazine "Vision" is being distributed to our High School young people. We have received many favorable comments.

Goals to begin at Lent and to be climaxed at Easter are to be worked out in the next few weeks. Make this Easter one of the great periods for our Church.

Mr. Parkerson and Mr. Sentman have an important announcement to make very shortly.

OUR MEN'S FORUM

The meeting dates for our Men's Forum will be the second Sunday in each month. The first meeting will be February 8th. A fine program is being prepared for this meeting. The cost of the supper is to be set not to exceed 50c. The executive committee is expecting the members to bring guests for this meeting. Don Eyer is the president; Arthur Davis, vice-president, and Dale Hiler, secretary.

PREPARATION FOR THE SURVEY

The Associated Churches together with the Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Jewish and other religious bodies of this community will make a very thorough survey of this community. First Christian has always been a leader in religious co-operative enterprises in our city. We are assuming leadership in this project. Our pastor heads up the general program. Our Congregation is expected to furnish 6 per cent of its membership to make this survey to be completed in one afternoon on February 1st. Arthur Davis has been appointed by our Church School to head up First Christian Workers group. If you can work on this project speak to Mr. Davis.

MORE ABOUT JESUS

"Oh! how my heart cries out for the starving souls of Congo! One little school teacher with sixty or seventy-five pupils with three little school books of each kind in a shack of a building, no ball to play with at recess, no equipment for the school room to make the little fellows want to be regular in attendance. It makes me want to sell everything in my house to buy books, clocks, balls, bells and things that would make little children happy as they gather in class to learn of the Friend of little children. These little boys and girls will some day be men carrying on the work that their fathers and mothers will be laying down as they move on. I wish that you knew some of these little fellows who can stand up and read God's Word and who want to know more about Jesus and the freedom which he gives."

RUGH MUSGRAVE
Lotumbe, Belgian Congo

INDEPENDENCE

"It was nothing short of marvelous to see how far reaching the Independence Day celebrations were . . . Early in the morning our boarding boys and the Christians in the village of Jarhogaon met at the church for a brief service of praise and thanksgiving. Then they formed a parade and marched to an open spot in the village, where they were met by the other villagers. As both groups paraded they sang patriotic songs, gave 'three cheers' yells, and carried paper flags. There was a flag raising ceremony and as we saw the flag of the new India unfurled for the first time, we wondered if the Indian people felt the same lump in their throats that we did. The lump had two reasons for being, one rejoicing that the day so long prayed for and anticipated had arrived, the other, the burden felt for India with the great task before her both within her own borders and in a world torn by hatred and suspicion."

RAY AND MERLE RICE
Takbatpur, India

BEFORE—AFTER

"This incident which occurred recently helps to tell the tragic situation we find everywhere here among the children. A few weeks ago an attractive young woman from one of the more progressive homes here in the village brought her little nephew of nine or ten months to us to ask if we could take a picture of him for them. She continued by saying 'He is fat and well now and we want to have a picture before he gets sick.' It seems to be taken for granted that by that age the little fellows are going to begin to have illnesses of more or less intensity. Our camera was not here then and within a week or so the little fellow did become ill so we have not been able to take the picture yet."

HELEN JO FUQUA
Ciudad Garcia, Mexico



PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

Margaret Cherryhomes has joined her husband, George Cherryhomes, in Chuhsien, formerly called Chuchow, and they will soon be settled in their new home which is the Osgood house rebuilt from its foundation. Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Adsit will also be in residence there and while Glyn gets their house in readiness, Mrs. Adsit is living in Nanking, helping in Chung Hwa School. Missionaries and Chinese have given them a hearty welcome. Upon introducing them in Chuhsien, upon their arrival, Pastor Cheo Yu-wen said "For twenty years we have prayed for missionaries. Sometimes we grew discouraged as the years came and went and no missionaries were appointed here, but we never ceased praying for them. With the arrival of these four young people who have come to live among us and help us our hearts are full to overflowing. Our prayers have been answered."

China News Letter



Lo, I Stand at the Door and Knock.

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VISITATION EVANGELISM

Visitation evangelism will follow this survey. We shall need a corp of trained workers for this period to visit the large number of homes which will designate the Christian Church as the church of their choice.

OUR JUNIOR CHOIR

Our Junior Choir has been practicing on Saturday morning at 11:00 o'clock. There has been a fine attendance. The parents have been co-operating also in this new project.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL, TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Council will meet **promptly** at 1:15 P.M. Tuesday, January 20. The general meeting and program will follow at 2:15 P.M. All chairmen of committees are requested to have written reports. The program topic is: "Disciples of Christ, An Inventory" given by Mrs. Robert T. Beck. The general theme for our Worship programs for the year is: "The Possible You" Mrs. Fred Wilson will have charge of the January worship program.

ANNUAL MEETING

The regular Annual Meeting of the congregation and officers of Church and Church School will be held on Sunday evening, January 25, following the Family Night Carry-In Dinner at 6:15 P.M. **Secretaries and Treasurers of organized groups and sponsors of various departments in Church and Church School** are asked to have their reports for 1947 in the Church office **on or before Tuesday, January 20**. Please be a committee of one to see that your report is in.

EVENING GUILD

The Evening Guild will have a dinner party Monday, January 19 at 6:30 P.M., at the home of Mrs. Edwin Geerken, 3420 S. Broadway. The Rev. Robert T. Beck will have charge of the installation service for new officers. Mrs. A. C. Worley will give a book review.

NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Evert Beck are parent of daughter Elizabeth Ann, born Jan. 10th at Indianapolis. Mr. Beck is the brother of our pastor.

OUR BASKETBALL TEAM

Our team will play Lake Chapel M. on Saturday, January 17th 7:30 P.M. at Jefferson Township Gymnasium. Support your team by your presence. January 24th they will play St. Luke's Lutheran at 6:45 P.M. at St. Joe Center.

AMONG THE SICK

Among our sick is Mrs. Mary DeWitt who is in room 306 at Methodist Hospital. Our Sunday School superintendent, Dale Parkerson, is confined to his home with the mumps.

Mrs. Walter Smith remains at the Lutheran Hospital. She has been quite ill, but is better at this writing.

Mrs. Siple has been ill at her home on Charlotte Ave. She is somewhat improved.

Mrs. McIntire, on Reed Street, is also reported to be better.

CHANGING FOR THE BETTER

We are all acquainted with that little verse that depicts dislike for a person and no reason can be given for it. Strickland Gililan gives another experience when he writes: "Once I bitterly detested him. Now I like him. He has not changed. I have." So many of our dislikes are irrational. We need to change. We generally can do this when we look for good points and not for those we dislike. That is what Christianity in its pristine purity does. It brings out the good in us. This is a transition that any of us can experience to our own good.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Sermon: "Through Troubled Hours"

Preacher: Our Pastor

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held in the form of a carry in supper **Sunday evening at six o'clock**. We are requested to bring a covered dish and sandwiches.

At this meeting the annual reports of the various organizations will be given. Music, fellowship singing will have a place upon the program.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Special Announcement — **Floyd Morrical** has been appointed promotion secretary in a big campaign that will run **through Lent until Easter**. Large attendance—new members—more active programs, finer fellowship, evangelism and stewardship will fit into the program. Goals will be announced. Watch **Our Church School Grow**.

OUR BASKETBALL TEAM

Our team was again the victors in their last Basketball game. Note the papers follow our Basketball team.

YOUTH WEEK

January 25th — February 1st — Inclusive

Our young people are entering into the Youth Week program. The interdenominational program will be emphasized this Sunday. Next Sunday the program will be presented in our church. The special **OFFERING TAKEN** on February 1st will go to Purdue Foundation, where Rev. Fitch is minister.

VISITATION EVANGELISM

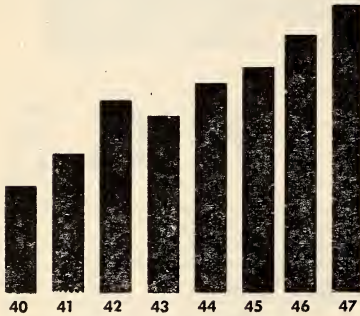
February 22nd - 26th

The First Christian Church will join in the community wide visitation evangelism. This following the census on February 1st, will be most effective. There are these items to be emphasized:

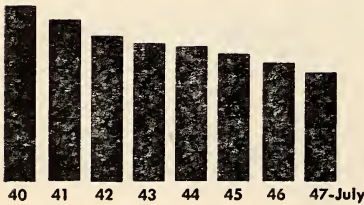
1. We must have 15 visitors for every 100 on our Responsibility List.
2. For every team visiting we must have two persons who will be willing to pray for them during the nights the visitation is made.
3. Every member in the church should endeavor to enlist someone for Christ and his church during this period.

LET US STUDY OUR GIVING

First Christian Church's Budget has always been on the conservative side of reasonable. In the face of World conditions and our Brotherhood's asking \$3500 per year for a Crusade for a Christian World, we need to prayerfully consider our share in our net budget calling for \$20,696.00. Many, many of our Churches are going over their goals. Study these tables. Some of which are from United States Government statistics. These comparisons show our budget to be the minimum.



Living costs have mounted
Today are 155% of 1940



Dollar Values have dropped greatly.
Today's dollar is worth only 63% of
the dollar of 1940.

\$643	'40
\$1302	'47

Average per capita income has
more than doubled.

\$14,500 Actually Spent	'44
\$14,750 Actual	\$21,750 '47

If our Church budget had increased
in same ratio as income—

Above figures indicate actual spend-
ing, and do not allow for increase
in membership.

705 MEMBERS	'43
938 MEMBERS	'47

There has been a net increase of
233 members in our Church.

\$433,451	'43
\$1,221,276	'47

If our members are average, the in-
crease in total income would justify
real increases of amounts in budget.

MORE BLESSED TO GIVE

Many of our people have responded in a most heartening way, to meet the larger calls from our Brotherhood (\$3500), and to meet increased operating costs of our church. We are expanding. We need the co-operation of all. With this assured, great days of Christian witness and service are just ahead.

TITHERS

The Tither believes money has spiritual value. And he feels a principle is involved that is necessary to spiritual well being. Get right with God financially, he insists, and you will find that you are more vital spiritually. Some of our new members not only considered the Tithe as a way of good stewardship, but are tithing. All our members will rejoice in this.

TWO DOLLARS OF MORE PER WEEK CLUB

Without suggestion this Club began and has grown in our church. During the weeks additional names have been added. The gifts per week run from \$12.00 to \$2.00 per individual. The First Christian Church has real loyalty among its members as is testified by this Club. Some of the names will be published this week—due to lack of space, they will be completed in the following issues: Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mr. and Mrs. Grant T. Munson, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Orchard, Mrs. Ray Koster, Mrs. Edwin Geerken, Mrs. Ruth Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Arza Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Sentman, Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Young.

THE SUCCESS OF OUR CHURCH

Success depends on our pastor and our members praying, planning and working together. We can begin the Crusade for a Christian World in our hearts, then extend to our church, our Community and, through our Brotherhood, to the World this Christ-like spirit.

YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE

The members of your Finance Committee will be pleased to go over the financial program of the Church and will welcome an invitation from any of our members for a Conference. The Finance Committee is composed of: Mr. C. D. Palmer, Mr. Delmas Young, Mrs. David Hogg and Mr. Glenn R. Miller. Rev. Robert T. Beck and Mr. Owen Vaught, *ex-officio*.

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4. Every member should make a special effort to be friendly to those who come to our services.

5. There will be a program for integrating new members into the church. All our members should enter into this program.

FORT WAYNE RELIGIOUS CENSUS

Those making the census will meet for instruction on this Sunday afternoon. On Sunday afternoon, February 1st, the actual census will be taken.

YOUTH CHOIR

The youth choir composed of young people from the Junior and Intermediate departments of the Sunday School will meet this Saturday morning at eleven o'clock for practice.

CONGREGATION INVITED TO WEDDING

Members of the congregation are invited to the wedding of Miss Virginia Ragan to Mr. Leo E. Browning on Saturday, January 25th at 7:30 P.M. at the church.

OUR SYMPATHY

Mrs. Miller Scherrer, 806 E. Columbia, recently lost two brothers by death, Mr. L. A. Hunt and Mr. James Hunt. Mrs. Scherrer has our prayers during this time of sorrow.

Word has come that Miss Josepha Franklin, who spent more than 40 years in India as a Missionary, died Sunday, January 11 at the Emily E. Flinn Home, Marion, Indiana. Miss Stella Franklin, sister to Miss Josepha died a few months ago. They leave a vacancy which cannot be filled.

Mrs. Fielding Burdette, sister-in-law to Mrs. J. R. Coar, recently passed away at her home in Pendleton, Indiana.

FAMILY NIGHT AND THE ANNUAL MEETING

Family Night is next Sunday evening, January 25. A carry-in dinner, sandwiches and a covered dish, will be served at 6:15 P.M. Please bring your own table service. The Annual meeting of the Church will follow the dinner.

PURDUE CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION

On February 1st, a free-will offering will be taken in the Church School and the loose offering of the morning will be donated to the work of the Purdue Christian Foundation. February 1st begins Youth Week. Rev. Joseph B. Fitch, one of our own young men, is the Pastor at the Foundation.

INVITED TO ORGAN RECITAL

FORT WAYNE CHAPTER, AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

Are presenting Miss Myrtle Regier of New York City in a recital at Trinity English Lutheran Church, 405 West Wayne Street, on Tuesday, January 27, at 8:00 o'clock. Miss Regier is Associate Organist of Union Theological Seminary, Organist-Choir director of Metropolitan-Duane Church of New York, and a very gifted recital organist.

NOTES

The mother of Mr. Cecil Rice and Mr. Hugh Rice is critically ill at her home in Aurora, Indiana.



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MEN'S FORUM MEETING 6:00 P.M.

First Meeting of the year for the Men's Forum will be held this Sunday evening at six o'clock. This will be an evening of fellowship and inspiration.

Guest Speaker

Robert M. Alden will be the guest speaker. During the war he was promoted to Associate Regional Director at Anchorage, Alaska. He has toured Alaska and has most unusual colored pictures showing that country in various times of the year. He went as far as north as Circle on the Yukon, 50 miles south of the Artic Circle. During his lecture he will show these unusual pictures.

Music

There will be group singing and special music for the evening.

Suppers

The cost of the supper will be 50c. It will be prepared and served by a committee from the Men's Forum, headed by Myron Cole. Please report the number of guests you expect to bring. Make your reservations at once.

Attendance

Every man is expected to be on committee of one to help Arthur Davis build up a big attendance for this meeting.

Business

Don Eyre will preside as president of the Forum. Dale Hiler will present a constitution for ratification to the Forum.

MORNING WORSHIP—10:30A.M.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A. M.

Sermon: Making Your Religion Have Meaning

Special Music

Much interest was shown in Youth service last Sunday. Our Junior choir did an effective and inspiring piece of work in their first appearance. Our older Youth on the program and our Junior Board of Deacons acquitted themselves with honors.

Lent Begins This Week

Lent can mean much to Christians. It can be a time of evaluation. It can mark a period when your spiritual life moves to a higher plane. For yourself, but even more for our Master, keep Lent this year, beginning in your heart and extending to a faithful attendance of church services. Harken to the call of Lent this year.

CONQUERING ILLITERACY

To assist in its global fight against illiteracy, the Committee on Fundamental Education of UNESCO, which met in Mexico City, summoned the assistance of Dr. Alfred D. Moore, executive secretary of the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, who went to that city with a special exhibit of the famed Laubach method of conquering illiteracy.

Dr. Moore addressed the committee on November 8th, demonstrating Dr. Frank Laubach's method of preparing literacy charts in various languages, and how the charts are used by instructors in teaching illiterates to read. He also presented a sound film strip demonstrating the method, produced by the Spanish edition of *The Reader's Digest* on the basis of Laubach's Spanish lessons.

The exhibit includes literacy charts and primers developed in native languages in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific islands, posters used in various countries to advertise the campaigns locally, and periodicals and pamphlets in many languages issued for the further progress of new readers.

Dr. Moore remained in Mexico for some days to serve as consultant in planning UNESCO programs to combat illiteracy, and to consult with executives of the Mexican National Campaign for Literacy, through which, adapting the Laubach method, more than one million Mexicans were taught to read last year in 40,000 teaching centers, President Miguel Aleman, himself, being one of the volunteer teachers.



A NEW CONSTITUTION

A commission of five of China's best legal minds are now in the United States, and soon to visit Europe, sent by the Chinese Government for a triple purpose: to say "Thank you" to the western nations that have recently abrogated extra-territoriality in China; to study the laws of the western democracies; and to secure western comment on the new constitution of China and its code of law. Of the five men, four are members of Christian churches and two are graduates of mission-operated Soochow University Law School; while three are members of that school's faculty. The chairman of the commission is Dean Robert Sheng, of the Soochow institution, and holds a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Northwestern University Law School.



STARVING SOULS

"Oh how my heart cries out for the starving souls of Congo! One little school teacher with sixty or seventy-five pupils with three little school books of each kind in a shack of a building, no ball to play with at recess, no equipment for the school room to make the little fellows want to be regular in attendance. It makes me want to sell everything in my house to buy books, clocks, balls, bells and things that would make little children happy as they gather in class to learn of the Friend of little children. These little boys and girls will some day be men carrying on the work that their fathers and mothers will be laying down as they move on. I wish that you knew some of these little fellows who can stand up and read God's Word and who want to know more about Jesus and more of the freedom which he gives to little boys and girls. Our hearts ache for the little children of Congo. May God Bless you is my prayer."

*Ruth Musgrave,
Belgian Congo.*



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Church School — During Lent

Our superintendents, Dale Parkerson and L. A. Sentman have met with our promotional director, Floyd Morrical, and goals have been set for our Church School. Each class knows its goal. Begin now to work toward that goal. Put enthusiasm into your class work. Organize your program, be definite and specific with specific assignments of service.

Membership Class

A membership class for Juniors and Intermediates will be set in motion in the next weeks for Children to prepare for Church membership. See that your boy or girl enrolls in this class.

VISITATION EVANGELISM

February 22-26th

With the material received from the survey last Sunday and with additional names from our responsibility list in the office, a carefully prepared list of names will be the basis of the calls the men from First Christian Church will make during the period of visitation.

Our Church will have co-operating with us, the First Methodist, the Westminster Presbyterian, the Salem Evangelical and Reformed churches. We will meet on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock for general instruction and then each evening the workers will meet at six o'clock and, when instructions have been given, will leave at seven o'clock to call in the homes of our city, each church group calling on those who are their special responsibility.

These workers will need the prayers of our church. The work of our callers must be matched by the prayers of our people.

NOW IS THE TIME TO TURN IN THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO MIGHT BE PROSPECTS.

CORDIAL WELCOME

Our Church Continues To Grow

We are pleased to receive into our church this last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gordon Stafford and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ludwig. Mr. Stafford is in the meat department of the Kroger Store on State Street and Mr. Ludwig is connected with the Window Decorating department of Wolf and Dessauer.

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Friday, February 13, at 1:30 P. M.

Evening Guild

The Evening Guild will meet with Miss Ernie Owen, 1323 E. Pontiac St., Monday evening, February 9th. Mrs. Edwin Geerken will have charge of the program and Miss Fay Woodhull will give the devotions.

\$2 or More a Week Club

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Miller and Mr. Sherman G. Meyers.

WEEK OF COMPASSION, FEBRUARY 15-22

The World problem at Basic level. "Give us this day our daily bread . . ." Many times have you whispered and repeated this eternal prayer. Today you can help its realization in cities and homes of Europe and Asia. For it does not mean anything in Germany, Poland, Austria, China, Japan, India, Korea or Okinawa when there is no bread. Hungry men care only for bread. "Without food," General Eisenhower has said, "there can be no peace."

SUNDAY C. F. F. — 6:00 P. M. — Snack supper and good program.



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MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: Making the Most of One's Troubles.

Organ Prelude 10:25 A.M.

Special Music by the Choir

Sunday is the first Sunday in Lent. The sermons our pastor is bringing us this year are especially prepared for this period when Christians everywhere are sensitive to the inner life. Daily reading of the scriptures and devotional books are commended for these days. If you have not been in the habit of seeking a quiet place where you can read, meditate and pray alone, try it this Lent. To plan a time for each day when you are alone with God, is a sure key to finer spiritual living. Come to Church every Sunday during Lent!

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Now is the time for every class to begin the promotion of their attendance. Some classes are assigning names to specific people to increase the attendance of their old members. Other names are being assigned to secure new members. **BUILD YOUR CLASS ATTENDANCE NOW.** Catch the enthusiasm of our promotional secretary, Floyd Morrical. The ultimate success of this program depends on the individual Church School member.

CALL TO PRAYER

We are now faced with a great opportunity and a great responsibility. Our visitation evangelism begins on February 22nd. The devotion and consecration of the visitors must be matched by the prayer life of the whole church. You, dear member, are asked to begin now praying for the victory of this program. Ministers over the city are asking their members to supplement the work of our visitors with the earnest sincerity of the prayers of all of us.

ON THE AIR

The Associated Churches go on the air. On every Saturday afternoon at one o'clock our secretary, Mr. Ruf, will give the religious news of the week over WGL. Beginning next Sunday over WOWO the co-operating churches will present a half hour of worship and meditation each Sunday at six o'clock. Our time on this broadcast will be on March 14th. This follows the program, "The Greatest Story Ever Told." The other two stations in Fort Wayne will also carry programs sponsored by the Associated Churches.

TITHERS

A number in our church are tithing their incomes. A preacher of a local church told me how his congregation tripled their income when one tenth of their membership began to tithe. A tithe of our membership! What a start for a tithe-

PLANNING FOR TOMORROW

In conjunction with the Student Volunteer Movement Quadrennial Conference, which met in Lawrence, Kansas, from December 27 to January 1, the second annual Disciples Student Fellowship Planning Conference was held. Known as the "Constitutional Convention," the student program for the Disciples of Christ was crystallized and a constitution for DSF was adopted.

The SVM conference was attended by more than 2,500 young people, representing colleges and universities in all parts of the United States and Canada, together with Christian leaders and students from some sixty overseas countries. The Movement is interdenominational and through the years it has recruited many young people who have gone out from America as missionaries, evangelists, teachers, doctors and specialists.



GOING FORTH

Work on the mission field is not done by missionaries alone. Most mission stations support, financially or spiritually or both, a number of outstations. In these the tasks are carried on by nationals, not unlike our own local ministers, evangelists, Christian education directors, and home missionaries, who are furthering Christianity among their own people.

Typical of these various outstations is the one at Tsao Chia Chuang, in China. From a recent China Newsletter comes the following report from Mrs. Walter Haskell, a Disciples of Christ missionary serving under the auspices of The United Christian Missionary Society in Wuhu:

"Twenty-five miles from Wuhu is a little village of forty-one families, thirty-seven of whom are named Tsao. This little village, Tsao Chia Chuang, was fortunate in having a family of earnest Christian workers who, some years before the Japanese invasion, started a program of evangelizing and educating their village folk. They themselves with what help the villag-

ers could give put up buildings and equipped them for this project. The three Tsao brothers who were especially active in backing this enterprise are tailors. A few years later they moved to Wuhu to open up tailoring establishments but continued their support of the village work until they were cut off from it by the Japanese occupation. The oldest brother is now living in the village again and this work is being revived, backed and supported by the Wuhu Christian Church which has recently employed a woman evangelist for full time service there."



NO PEACE WITHOUT BREAD

"I will give you an account," writes a Christian minister from abroad, "of the suffering of my congregation . . . 32% of the school children have tuberculosis and the rest are so greatly undernourished that we don't know how long it will be before they have this disease. The people suffer so greatly for their daily bread, and with no sign of relief, that they lose faith in Christianity.

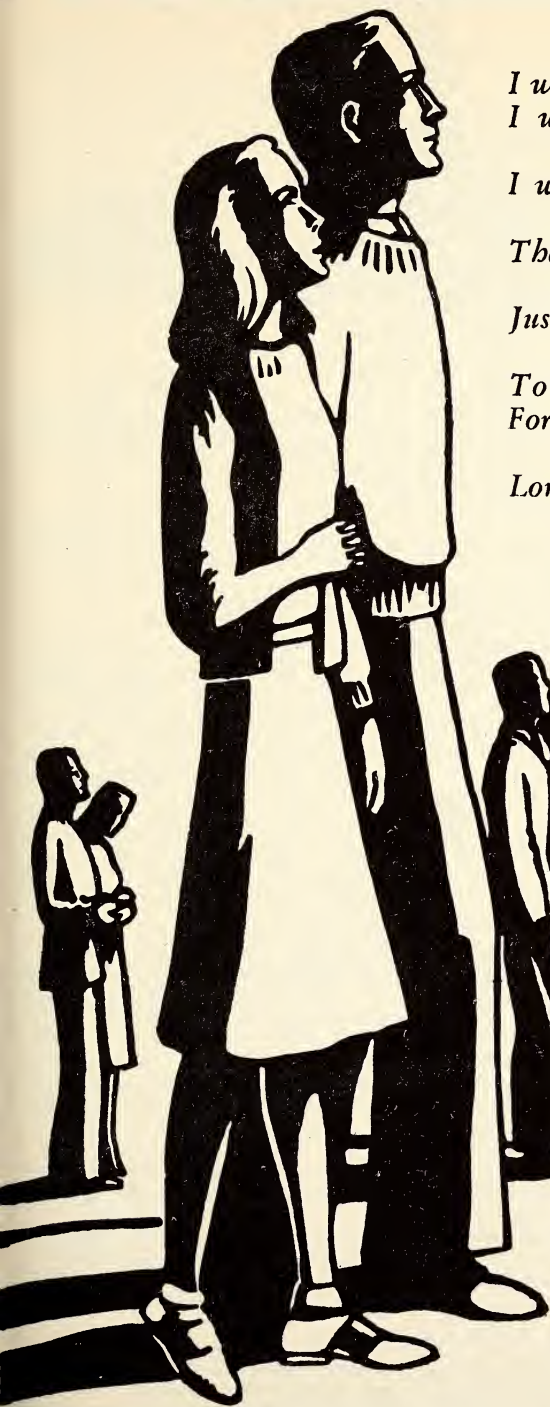
"Most everyone here has been working in war industry and since the war is over almost all the factories have been dismantled and shipped out of the country. Consequently, there is no work for these people or any prospect of work.

"After the war was over, all we had to eat was two slices of bread a day. Then we received rations of 700 calories per day, then up to 1,200, and now we are getting 1,500. At first, when food was extremely difficult to secure, people sold most of their clothes on the black market to get a little bit to eat.

"You have no idea how low the standard have sunk.

"In my congregation of 200, in the past year, thirty-five have died, which is three times as many as in normal times. The first two months of this year eight have died most all was due to undernourishment."

These people need food if they are to strive for a new world. We as Christians must be willing to help them.



*I would live ever in the light,
I would work ever for the
right,
I would serve Thee with all
my might,
Therefore, to Thee I come.*

*Just as I am, young, strong
and free,
To be the best that I can be
For truth, and righteousness,
and Thee,
Lord of my life, I come.*

Marianne Hearn

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ing program. If a tenth of our membership should tithe, we then should have 95 tithers. If you are tithing let your minister or the church office know. That does not seem enough to ask. If you are not tithing, try it. Be one of 95 in our church to tithe. No one can tell you to tithe. It comes best when one listens to the still small voice and then in the gratitude for what God does for him, starts tithing. Tithers are among the happiest people in the church.

COMMITTEES FOR CHURCH ORGANIZATION FOR 1948

Worship Committee—Owen Vaught, Chairman.

Church Service Committee—C. L. Durfee, Merland Heller.

Church Building—Trustees—W. C. Birkhold, Chairman.

Finance—C. D. Palmer, Chairman; Delmas Young, Mrs. David Hogg, Glenn R. Miller.

Religious Education—Cecil Rice, Dale Parkerson, Lawrence Sentman, B. W. Leversee, Mrs. Ruby Miller, Mrs. Charles Dare, (Committee to elect own Chairman).

Missions—Albert Egly, Chairman; Hugh Rice, Mrs. Charles Dare.

Evangelism—F. E. Morrical, J. M. Fitch, Co-Chairmen.

Young People—Mrs. Ruby Miller, Chairman; Mrs. Adam Ragan, Eugene Munro, H. C. Banet, K. V. Lytle.

Social Activities—Mrs. H. W. Sigrist and Woman's Council. Mrs. Dale Hiler, Mrs. J. W. Clark, Mrs. L. S. Sentman.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL—COLONIAL TEA—FEBRUARY 17TH

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Council will meet promptly at 1:15 P.M., Tuesday, February 17. Our program will begin at 2:15 P.M. Mrs. Edwin Leigh will be our guest speaker, her topic will be "The United Nations". The Ruth Circle has charge of the party, which will be a COLONIAL TEA. This is **guest day**. Come, and bring a guest. The Circle Chairmen will notify Mrs. J. C. Koegel as to the number of tables they will fill. Every woman in the church is cordially invited to attend this party. Mrs. C. F. Durfee will give the five minute talk from World Call. Mrs. Irene Cline will give the devotions. Her topic, "The Power of God In You".

ILLNESS

Among those who are ill are: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moffit, 3320 S. Harrison St. Mrs. Charles B. Whitman is suffering from a fall.

WELCOME TO FIRST CHRISTIAN

At our Worship Service Sunday we received into the church: Mrs. F. W. Zuber of Angola; Mrs. McKinley Collier and her daughter, Miss Betty Lou Collier from Big Stone Gap, Va. We are happy to welcome these fine people.

AVAILABLE HOUSES OR APARTMENTS?

We are frequently asked by members if we know of available houses or apartments. Why not let us know when one is vacant and assure yourself of a good church member for a tenant?

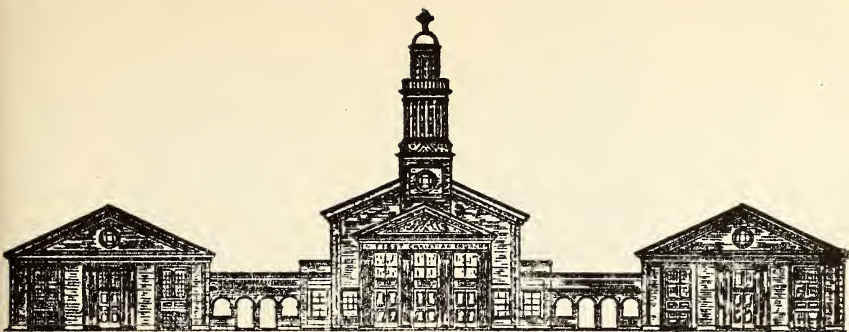
"EXCUSE ME FOR NOT BEING HURT . . ."

In John Hersey's memorable story of six persons who survived the first atomic bomb, "Hiroshima," Mr. Tanimoto was in the suburbs at the time of explosion. He thus escaped injury, but started to run into the burning city. Amid the flames were the screams of people whom none could help. "All the way he overtook dreadfully burned and lacerated people, and in his guilt at being unhurt he turned to right and left as he hurried and said to some of them, 'Excuse me for having no burden like yours.'"

You and I cannot live amid the devastation, the hunger and despair that exist abroad without feeling as did Mr. Tanimoto. Our hearts are linked with those of our fellowmen. Though the Eternal God wants abundance for all his children, so many of them suffer today that we in our relative ease can only say, "Excuse me for not being hurt."

There is a great chasm in the world today between the injured and the unhurt. Only by Christian fellowship can that chasm be bridged—by a Christian response expressed in sympathetic understanding and generous giving.

—Plymouth Church Bulletin, Minneapolis.



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SUNDAY IS THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Special Music

Sermon: Your Life

Speaker: Our Pastor

Throughout the Christian era corporate worship and the sermon, in one form or another, have been essential to the expression of the Christian religion. The music of the choir, the congregation giving expression to their deepest feeling in praise, prayer and meditation, the preacher standing in the pulpit proclaiming the word of God, is a description of the church meeting on the First day of the week. During the centuries there has been a continuous celebration of our Lord's Last Supper Sunday after Sunday. Whatever man's need is in the church he may find the answer. Your life will be richer by this answer.

The organ Prelude: 10:25 A. M.

Be in your Place at Church Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

The church school has been defined as the church at study. When properly operated this is a great boon to Christian living and Christian worship. Here in school our terms are clarified; here we face ways and means of making Christianity effective. That coming to the Sunday School class will help you in your worship is seen in the regularity of our teachers and officers at the morning worship service. Worship and teaching supplement each other and should not be weighed as one against the other. Bring your children with you that is the right way to come to the Church School.

Call To Prayer

The church is asked to be in prayer, especially every night next week as our visitors will call on prospective members for our church. There are a great many more families than, in the most optimistic moments, our evangelism committee dreamed were possible. Many have given the First Christian Church as their preference. This lays a heavy obligation on the church. Many have membership elsewhere. We have a great number on our responsibility list. Let your prayers accompany our visitors as they go about our city next week.

Visitors to Meet — Sunday 3:00 P.M. — First Presbyterian Church

There will be a **union meeting of the visitors of the co-operating churches Sunday afternoon 3:00. Every visitor** should make every effort to be present. Rev. McConnell of the Federal Council of Churches will give the first instruction at that



Harriet and Hubert Reynolds

TO THE TASK

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Reynolds are missionaries to China, working at Wuhu Academy in Wuhu. They have only recently gone to the field after considerable experience in the United States with college and community house work. From 1939-1947 they were directors of the Purdue University Christian Foundation in Lafayette, Indiana, and then before going to the field they were on the staff of the Dodge Community House in Detroit, Michigan.

In a recent letter they describe some of things they are doing as new missionaries in China, serving under the auspices of The United Christian Missionary Society. Their letter in part follows:

"Our first year here is necessarily one of adjustment to new climate (which seems to insist on more sleep); to new conditions of public health as it relates to filth, flies and mosquitos; to

changes from accustomed recreational resources such as concerts, plays and movies. Of course, our biggest adjustment continues to be in reading, writing and speaking the language. We are supposed to schedule half of our time in the study of Chinese. This is essential but difficult to do in the face of crying needs which must be met.

"Working with the Wuhu Academy is stimulating. The principal is a sincere Christian, a member of the National Christian Education committee, and really interested in reaching youth for Christ. Some of the faculty are fine Christian characters. The Academy rates among the very highest in our province, and is one of the few allowed to continue with co-education. There are over 800 boys and girls, most of whom are in earnest about learning. Hubert teaches two classes in Bible and four in English reading (currently doing the new Chinese Constitution) . . . We are now organizing a student choir in our home—using a piano loaned by the School. Ping-pong and folk games will be offered soon. Next term, we want to give the graduating seniors a class in courtship and marriage, the Christian home, and a Christian philosophy of vocation. Our Wuhu Church is in a vigorous condition preparing to develop city chapels and rural churches, and to build a new Church building."

GOD'S WORD

No nation can exert moral leadership in a morally bankrupt world unless it is itself possessed of moral stamina of a high order.

For centuries individual people of many lands and tongues have found that kind of strength in God's written Word, the Bible.

Now in America, as a nation we need to turn to that great source of truth if we are to assume our position of world leadership wisely and humbly and well.

In our homes, our businesses, our factories and on our farms we must turn regularly to God's Word, for no government and no

nation is any stronger than the people who cause it to exist.

But even that is not enough. America must give the Bible to the world as it has never done before.

The American Bible Society



THE COVER

This is one of a series of wax sculptures on the life of Christ by D. Mastroianni. Although done in miniature, they are photographed in such a way as to appear life size.



"And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him: Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house."

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time to the workers. The four churches co-operating in our group are First Methodist, Westminster Presbyterian, Salem Evangelical and Reformed and the First Christian. The visitors of these churches will meet together each evening next week at six o'clock supper.

This is the schedule: Monday, First Methodist Church; Tuesday, First Christian Church; Wednesday, Westminster Church; Thursday, Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church. The visitors will make their calls from seven to nine and then report back to their various churches after the nine o'clock call. Over twenty-five churches are co-operating in this program.

C. Y. F. — 6:00 P. M.

Young people of High School age are cordially invited to this meeting each Sunday evening. There will be a snack supper and a good program.

Dial Your Radio

Saturday at 1:00 p. m. WGL for Religious News.

Sunday at 6:00 p. m. WOWO for Vespers furnished by members of Associated Churches. Later the ministers of these churches will be speaking over the other radio stations especially on the program, **Your Pastor Speaks.**

Sunday, March 14th—First Christian will be on the air at 6:00 p. m.

Those Who Are Ill

Bobby Anderson has been very ill with scarlet fever. He is recovering slowly and is out of quarantine.

Mrs. C. W. Winfield is confined to her home with arthritis.

Mr. Hugh Rice has been quite ill in the hospital. He is now at his home.

Week of Compassion

They Need Your Help Now!

A group of twenty-two Iowa farmers who toured Europe recently, paying their own way to obtain first-hand information about the European food crisis, returned home, all of them, with the impression that we must act—and promptly—to avoid a catastrophe.

Congressman Mike Mansfield of Montana, just back from a tour of Europe, stated: "I saw plenty of underfed children. They are there by the millions for anyone with two good eyes to see, to wonder and worry about."

If tuberculosis threatens more than one-half the children in lands abroad, children in the United States cannot be safe. If millions abroad go hungry, Americans cannot enjoy their plenty undisturbed. A generous gift for food given through your church stretches far beyond ordinary buying power.

Hungry won't wait. "It is now 11:59 o'clock on the Starvation Clock," says Herbert Hoover. The situation is acute. The demand for action, and now, is urgent. Our responsibility as Christians is plain: help provide life to the dying, faith to the disillusioned, bread to the hungry, a haven for the homeless, dignity for the dispossessed.

More millions of people are hungry and sick and without clothing and shelter than ever before in the history of humanity.

Welcome and Congratulations

We wish to welcome our new prospective member, Stephen Lynn Chaney, born, Sunday, February 15, and to congratulate his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Chaney, 4627 John St. Mrs. Chaney and baby son are in room 407, Methodist Hospital. Both are doing very well. Mrs. J. A. Lynn is the great grandmother.

Brotherhood Dinner

The Annual Brotherhood dinner will be held on Sunday evening, February 29. At this meeting our offerings for **Humanity Hungers** will be taken. You have already received a card for your convenience if you wish to make your offering on Sunday mornings or to mail it in to the office. Our offering last year for this worthy cause was \$450 plus. We will want to do as much again this year. General Eisenhower has been quoted as saying, "There can be no peace without Bread". This is the "Week of Compassion."



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: Now Is The Time For Decision.

Preacher: Our Pastor

Special Attention is requested from our members for visitors next Sunday. Each of us must be a committee of one to make ourselves known to those about us next Sunday. We are a very friendly church. Let no one in church next Sunday fail to feel the warmth of our fellowship. This will depend on each member. Our visitation program will bring many new faces this next Sunday—do your part.

When you come into the church "Speak to God"

During the Church Service "Let God speak to you."

After the church service "speak to visitors and strangers in our church."

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Our Superintendents, Mr. Parkerson and Mr. Sentman and their assistants, Mr. Leverage and Mr. Morrical are setting fine goals before our church school. It is the duty of every member to get behind these fine leaders with cordial support. Every one doing his share can put our program, for this Spring away over the top.

WEEK OF COMPASSION

Due to our Evangelistic visitation it has become necessary to postpone our fellowship dinner for Sunday evening.

Our brotherhood is trusting us and the need of our brethren in Europe is crying to us. Bring your offering to church this Sunday and the following Sunday. Answer their cry by giving generously to these poor suffering people.

WEEK OF VISITATION

Great Success is coming to Fort Wayne in this week of visitation. As this paper goes to press wonderful reports are coming following visits into the homes of our city. Hundreds will be won to the church, many transferring letters, but even more first Decision. Keep this cause in your prayers.

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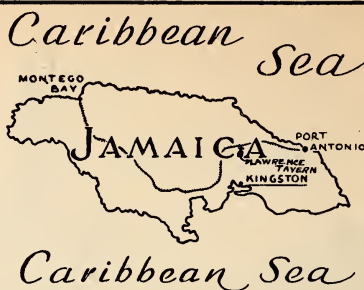
• JAMAICA

Jamaica, a small Island in the West Indies, has long been a mission field of Disciples of Christ. The first work was begun there in 1858. Today, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Allan of Canada are serving as missionaries under the auspices of The United

Christian Missionary Society. They have only recently returned to that field after a furlough at home. Mr. Allan says of this tiny bit of land in the Caribbean:

"Jamaica really is a hard field to work. The population, chiefly descended from slave ancestors, is still about 70% illiterate. Some considerable number of Jamaicans are now highly educated, in and around the larger cities. But the hills are yet without proper schools—no high schools at all. Illiteracy, soil erosion, and over-population are the chief problems . . . The Island is widely churched, highly evangelized; strong on preaching and short on Christian education. Jamaicans know and love their Bible, and can quote it freely, but need instruction as to its meaning and demands upon them."

The Christians in Jamaica are feeling



the stir of the Crusade for a Christian World and are going to share in this great brotherhood effort. They, too, will seek to increase church school attendance, to add members to the churches, to develop Christian family life, to train young ministers, to have a share in supporting the work in other parts of the world, and to increase the giving in their own churches.

While sharing in the Crusade they will also be receiving as there are many ways in which the Christians across this country will have an opportunity to help these people. Only as the Crusade becomes successful in the local church and each Christian becomes an active part of the Crusade, only then will the mission work in Jamaica advance along with other missionary enterprises of Disciples of Christ.

• CIVIL RIGHTS

All Christians are interested in the rights and liberties of all people in our world, in this country as well as in others. Inasmuch as this is true, a deep interest should be made manifest in the report of the "Committee on Civil Rights." The report should be studied seriously and its recommendations and challenge considered. The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America have taken note of this report and in part says this of it:

"We note with approval that the Committee was sensitive not only to the rights of our largest minority group, the Negro, but also to other racial and religious minority groups within our society . . . Among the objectives in the report which seem to

call for special attention from the churches in view of the Christian principles involved are the protection of human life against mob violence; equal opportunity for employment, regardless of race, religion, or national origin; the elimination of segregation, including the outlawing of restrictive covenants in real estate contracts; and the right of every adult citizen to vote."



THE COVER

The church on the left is Clifton Christian Church in a suburb of Kingston. Mr. H. E. Wainwright, minister, and his men built this church with their own hands. The native bamboo chapel on the right is similar to many in which our ministers preach in the hills of Jamaica.



JAMAICA — SHARES THE CHRIST WAY



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C. Y. F. — 6:00 P.M.

Meet your friends H. S. people at the C. Y. F. on Sunday evening. Enjoy the snap supper. Get the inspiration you need and enjoy a good evening.

WEEK OF COMPASSION COMPULSION

By Mayme Garner Miller

So long as hungry faces
Ask and are denied;
So long as barefoot bodies
Shiver far and wide
And shadows live . . .
So long as there are hearts
That never heard of Christ
So long as there is sorrow
And youth is sacrificed . . .
I have to give!

So long as there is heartache
Or suffering anywhere;
So long as men are homeless
With burdens I can share
Where shadows live . . .
So long as life abundant
Is lived by Oh, so few;
So long as the Kingdom calls
Some things I have to do . . .
I have to give!

BEDDING FOR OVER-SEAS

The Woman's Council is collecting bedding for the needy Over-Seas. Those of you having old comforts which you are no longer using and would like to donate to this project, please get your offering to the church next week or call Mrs. Sigrist, H-78483, or Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, A-26142, and they will arrange to have them picked up.

WEEK OF COMPASSION

Due to the fact that we are in the midst of an Evangelistic Campaign, the Brotherhood Dinner, which was scheduled for Sunday, February 29, **has been postponed.** Please bring your offering next Sunday to the Morning Worship Service, or mail it in to the Church Office.

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. W. Walker Cramer, 722 Jackson St., in the birth of their little son.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Naomi Circle will meet with Mrs. E. R. Harris, 718 Kinsmoor, Friday afternoon, March 5, at 2:00. Mrs. L. J. Bedford will assist the hostess.

The Martha Circle will meet with Mrs. Olive Roy, 4017 S. Fairfield Ave., on Thursday, March 4. Mrs. Robert Beck will give a paper on Interracial Understanding.

The Ruth Circle will meet with Mrs. C. F. Durfee, 1018 College St., Tuesday, March 2.

The Dorcas Circle will meet with Mrs. Kenneth Lytle, 1215 Huestis, Thursday, March 4. Mrs. F. E. Morrical will give the devotions.

ILLNESS

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parkerson, 3216 Crescent Ave., is ill with measles.

CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

We have tickets for the Church Basketball League Series. Tickets are 50c and good for all the games, from February 26 to March 5.

ATTENTION PARENTS

The Class in Church Membership will begin this Sunday. Mr. Delmas Young will be the teacher. Children of Junior and Intermediate age are eligible for the class. At the conclusion the pastor will meet with the class. Coming to this class will give your boy and girl a fine understanding of **How to Become a Christian** and a good church member. Parents should see that their children enroll in this class.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: Is It Nothing To You?

Preacher: Our Pastor

Again this Sunday our members are asked to look for visitors in our church. Make them feel at home.

Are You observing your resolution to keep Lent this year? Through the centuries, Christians have found strength, comfort and inspiration in the warmth of Fellowship on Sunday about our Lord's table. The history of the church speaks wisdom. The testimony is clear. They that wait upon the Lord find that God's the strength of their heart.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

The Progressive Class last Sunday was glad to welcome their teacher, Mr. Hugh Rice, who has been quite ill for several weeks.

A class in church membership, preparing our youth for a decision for Christ, is being taught by Mr. Delmas Young. See that your youth of junior or intermediate age registers in this class.

MEN'S FORUM — Sunday Evening, March 14th

The Indiana Public Service Corp. will put on a program demonstrating the advances made in the field of electrical engineering at the next meeting of the Men's Forum. **Tickets** will be available next Sunday for the supper, the price of which is 50c. This promises to be a very instructive and inspiring evening.

Visitation Evangelism

Thirty-Two teams made one hundred and thirty one calls and secured 46 decisions for the First Christian church. This has been a great experience for those who made the visitation, our hearts were warmed. The fellowship with other communions was most gratifying. And the persons reached, the homes brought into our church, the individuals souls touched by the power of Christian personalities carry a value that no one can measure. God has used us in a way that makes us humble in our hearts. Teams will continue to visit until after Easter. Our hearts are rejoiced in the great number of people who place First Christian Church as their choice of a church home. If you know those who should be called upon, please turn their names into the church office.

Week of Compassion

The offering for this great cause is held open. If you did not bring your offering last week, make sure to bring it with you this week.

FREEDOM IS NOT SUDDEN

Wherever there is need, there will be found Christians giving aid. In these months of crisis in India, both Christian missionaries and Indian Christians are striving to alleviate the situation. In recent letters from India can be seen the disturbed situation and the willingness of Christians to serve. Such as:

"On a recent trip to Mussoorie (India), I traveled on a train with some refugees. On our return the situation had worsened and the train and all the larger stations were under protection of armed guards. Twelve guards with rifles and bayonets escorted us. Now some of the trains are not run at night. The newspaper reports

suggest that this arming of the trains is not idle display . . . In one day's paper we read of attacks on eight different trains. Because of different religious beliefs innocent people are assaulted and slain."

Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Bonham.

"You have all heard of the trouble of the new Dominions (India and Pakistan) and perhaps you know of the request of the government for Christian nurses to help in the relief of the refugees. I am proud of the two staff nurses of Jackman Memorial Hospital who are going with me because they know it is a very dangerous situation they are going into."

Ruth May Harnar.

THEY NEED HOMES

The homeless of Europe are pleading for all the help that can be given them. Almon R. Pepper, vice-chairman of the Church World Service Board of Directors has just recently returned to America from a firsthand survey of the Displaced Persons camps of Western Europe in which there are about 850,000 people, "most of whom came as forced laborers to Germany, or were left there by the ebb and flow of the battling armies," he said.

Life in these camps is indescribably hard. The people are crowded into small rooms, sometimes twelve to fifteen people being forced to live in one room. Clothing is scarce. Food is very limited, often less than the minimum required for sound health. Heat is at a premium. Wood for the iron stoves, which are found in most of the living quarters, is rationed strictly.

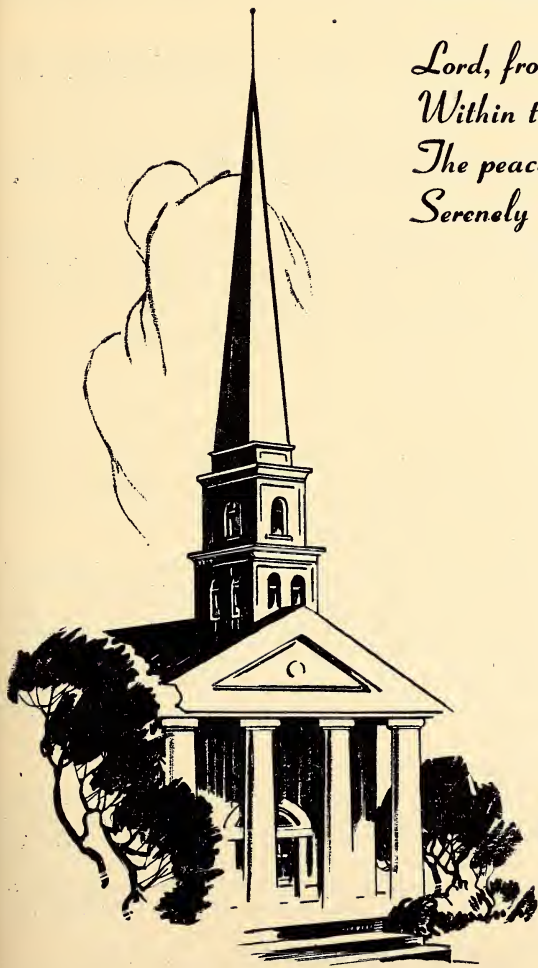
Church World Service's work among these people has been carried on chiefly in the American Zone of Occupation in Germany and Austria, where probably half of the displaced persons are Protestant or Eastern Orthodox in religious affiliation. These people are the particular responsibility of the American church groups which are working through CWS . . . Church World Service's task among these unfortunate war victims is threefold: Immigration aid, welfare work and religious ministry . . . In connection with the religious life of the people the churches of America have provided considerable equipment and supplies—including religious books and periodicals. The welfare program provides supplementary food and clothing for many of the people, and sponsors specialized projects designed to better enable them to take care of themselves. About 1350 of these people have been helped to come to the United States to find new homes, since the spring of 1946.

Canon Pepper further emphasized that: "The displaced persons of Europe greatly appreciate all these things that the American church groups have done and are doing for them. However, Americans must not forget that what these people want most are opportunities for permanent resettlement so that they may re-establish their family lives. America is losing a great opportunity by not allowing many more of these freedom-loving people to come here to resettle."

*O thou, whose own vast temple stands
Built over earth and sea,
Accept the walls that human hands
Have raised to worship thee.*

*Lord, from thine inmost glory send,
Within these courts to abide,
The peace that dwelleth without end,
Serenely by thy side.*

William Cullen Bryant



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Evening Guild

The Guild will meet with Miss Elaine Jones, 615½ Lawton Place, Monday, March 8. Program topic will be "Brotherhood". Several members will take part. Miss Ruby Whisman will give the devotions.

Elders Serving in March

March 7—Harry G. Hiler, Dr. A. C. Worley; **March 14**—J. Z. Berlien, John F. Davis; **March 21**—Owen Vaught, Albert Egly; **March 28**—Hugh D. Rice, Walter C. Birkhold.

Deacons Serving in March

Richard Schrecongost, Captain, H-3297; W. Harry Imbody, A. L. Gaskill, Vaughn Brickley, J. E. Tracey, Cecil Rice, Collins Mannan, Clayton Yoquelet.

Official Board

The Official Board meeting **has been postponed** until Wednesday, March 17.

Sympathy

Our heartfelt expression of sympathy to Mrs. Arthur Davis in the recent death of her father, Mr. J. Walter Palmer.

Illness

Mr. C. F. Durfee has been ill at his home. He is slowly recovering.
Mrs. John Leikauf is seriously ill at her home.

Come Double Class

Mr. and Mrs. John Davis will entertain the Come Double Class at their home at 2946 Plaza Drive, with a pot luck dinner on Friday, March 12, at 6:30 P.M. Bring new prospects for Class, a covered dish and your own service. Mr. and Mrs. Davis will furnish beef and noodles, rolls and butter and a drink, so members plan accordingly. Mr. Davis is the teacher of this Class.

Friendly Class

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, 926 Lake Ave., Friday evening, March 5th, at 8:00 P.M.

Lenten Meditation

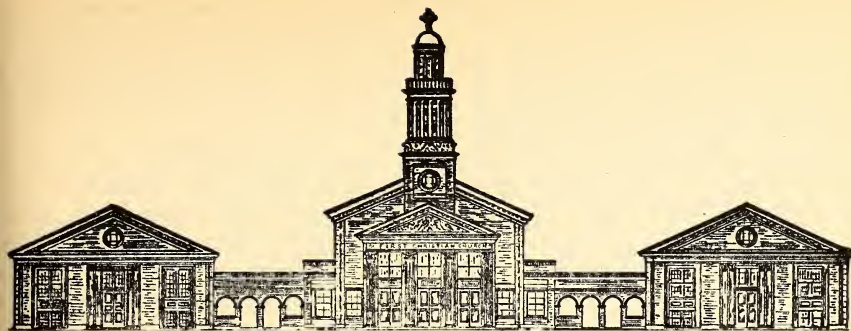
We cannot forget Jesus' patience with the impulsive Peter, or the sorrowful exclamation wrung from his lips as he viewed Jerusalem: "O Jerusalem . . . that killest the prophets . . . how often would I have gathered thy children . . . and ye would not."

Impatience is more than merely a fault or defect of temperament and disposition; it is a sin. The sin is lack of faith. Has not Isaiah said, "He that believeth shall not be in haste"?

Jesus had the kind of patience God has. Suppose God were impatient with us as we are with him. How much more enduring human friendship would be if we were as patient with one another as God is with us!

Let Us Pray: O God, how patient thou art with us! Make of us, we beseech thee—poor, feeble, impatient, stumbling souls—sons and daughters worthy of thy seeking and following love, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

—Fellowship



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

SERMON: "When We Find God Is Trustworthy

Preacher: Our Pastor

Lent Is The Time

Lent is the time to review our Master's supreme effort to save mankind. Like Him, we can use the time for greater effort to share Christ and the Christian life with those about us. There are those who ought to be on the heart of each of us with the desire to win them to Christ and His Church.

Visitation Evangelism

Arise and go! For this is not your resting place"—Micah, 2:10.

Monday and Tuesday nights, this week and every week up to Easter, are being set aside for calling on our many fine prospects for membership. This is the time for our Church to especially invite others to become Christians. If you know of those who should belong to our Church, please turn their names in to the office at once.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

The Church membership class meets every Sunday morning and during the Sunday School hour. This class is for Junior and Intermediate Youth and is taught by Mr. Delmas Young. About the most important relationship in a child's life is membership in the Church. Knowing how to be Christian is the greatest asset in one's life.

BROADCAST—WOWO

This Church will Broadcast over WOWO Sunday evening at 6:00 P.M. These broadcasts are sponsored by the Associated Churches. Tune in your radio at 6 o'clock and hear this fine program. Rev. Beck will speak on the subject "Holding On". Our Church choir will sing an anthem. This will be an inspirational service. Be sure to listen.

NO NEW LOOK IN CHINA

In a recent letter, Mrs. Grace Corpron tells of the serious clothing shortage in China. She and her husband, Dr. Douglas Corpron are serving as missionaries of Disciples of Christ at Luchowfu Christian Hospital in Hofei, China. An excerpt from her letter follows:

"All my friends say that they can manage to get a little food to put in hungry stomachs, but that cloth and tailors are so expensive that they just keep on patching and turning their old clothes. We rarely see anyone with a new garment. Everywhere I go, I see the clothes Doug brought out with him . . . no one pays much attention to style. If a garment is worn and is made of cloth that is strong and will stand wear then they can remake it or often wear just as it is. We have been sorting out some bales of clothing given us by CNNRA. We were able to give our hospital coolies new pants, underwear,

socks, etc. . . . Every day I have a dozen callers at the back door hoping there is a sweater or a worn overcoat I can give them."



IN ALL PLACES—HE IS

"It was several years ago while we were on vacation in Darjeeling (India) that I came to appreciate the beauty of those snow covered mountains. . . . About forty-five miles from our window, Kanchenjunga rose in gleaming white majesty that seemed more beautiful the more we watched. . . .

"Now, as I think back on those days of calm and beauty, I can picture again the majestic whiteness and grandeur of the mountains. More and more of God's beauty in nature comes to parallel God's beauty in Jesus. Those who have known Him, and have gazed with rapt appreciation on His beauty and truth, can stand and know He is there."

Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Bonham.

CAN YOU SAY NO?

If you wonder what this winter is like for millions of people in Europe and Asia, try to imagine what your house, apartment, or room would feel like on a cold day if you had just one bucket of fuel for a week's heating, or that your children or those in your neighborhood had to start to school in old worn shoes without socks, or remained at home because they had none at all. How would you feel, if, in freezing weather, you had only one warm meal a day? So when the children of your neighborhood look with delight upon the winter's snows, don't you or they forget the children who will walk in it barefooted or who will sit stockingless in icy classrooms.

Out of the hundreds of children examined in a German town, two-thirds suffered from malnutrition; one-half had only one pair of shoes; one out of seven had leather shoes; many had no underwear; a large number had only one suit or dress, and nearly one-fourth had had no breakfast. The many thousands of homeless orphans in the devastated countries of Europe are heartbreaking. In Hungary alone, there are 200,000 orphans and 40,000 abandoned children.

Clothing is so scarce and expensive in the war-devastated nations that people must give up food in order to buy it. Farmers and their families go without eggs, meat, even bread, so that they will have something with which to buy clothes, livestock or tools for their farms. People wash out the same ragged garments that they have been wearing all year and put them on again, and again, and again.

The Christian churches of the United States cannot escape the duty of helping them with material relief and spiritual comfort. When destitute people see the Christian message of love made real by sharing, then both their bodies and their spirit is given new life.

*"How can I cease to pray for thee? Somewhere
In God's great universe thou art today
Can He not reach thee with His tender care?
Can He not hear me when for thee I pray?"*

Julia C. Dorr.



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MEN'S FORUM — Sunday Evening, March 14th

"The Progress and Expected Program of the Indiana Service Corporation" is the subject of the program Sunday evening at the Men's Forum. Mr. Sorenson will demonstrate some of the advances made in electrical engineering. There will also be special music for your entertainment. Mr. Don J. Eyer and Mr. Dale Hiler, officers of the Forum, have tickets for the supper. **Please make your reservation by Saturday, if possible.**

We will have a radio here at the Forum meeting which will be tuned in promptly at 6:00 P.M. for the Broadcast over WOWO. Rev. Beck will speak over the Radio at that time. His subject will be "Holding On."

Woman's Council

The Executive Committee will meet promptly at 1:15 P.M. at the Church, Tuesday, March 16. The General Council program will begin at 2:15 P.M. The Rachel group is in charge of the program with Mrs. Irene Cline as general chairman. She will present talks on "Glimpses of Co-operative Agencies". A dialogue, "Our Co-operative Tasks" will be presented by Mrs. J. Siples and Mrs. Martin Wagner. Mrs. Clyde Driver will speak on the subject, "World Church In The Making". Mrs. H. W. Sigrist will give the Five-minute talk on "Prayer". The Naomi Group is in charge of devotions. There will be special music furnished by the Committee.

Illness

Mr. C. F. Durfee is very ill, in room 410, Lutheran Hospital. Mr. Paul Broxon is a patient in room 417, Lutheran Hospital. Mr. Don J. Eyer suffered a fall and is confined to his home.

Sympathy

Our deepest and heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mrs. R. E. Firestone and Gene in the recent death of the dear daughter and sister, Phyllis Anne. Let us all remember these friends during their dark hours.

IMPORTANT . . .

Members who placed envelopes in the box in the East vestibule last Sunday morning, please notify the office at once.

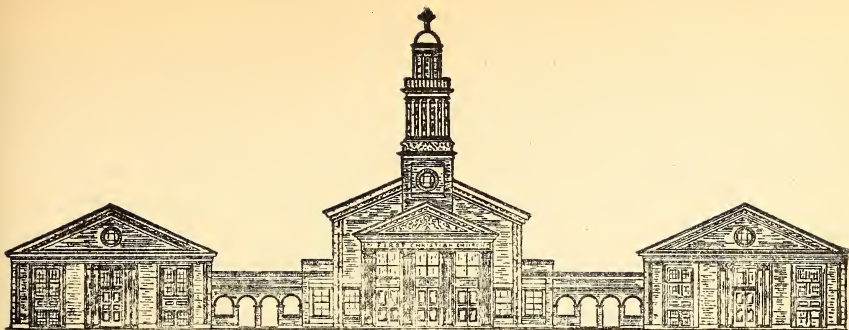
Official Board

The regular monthly meeting of the Official Board will meet Wednesday, March 17, at 7:45 P.M.

The Efficacy of Prayer

Christian and Hopeful, imprisoned by the Giant Despair, finally fell on their knees and prayed. When they rose, Christian said in astonishment, "Fool that I am thus to lie in this dark den when I might walk at large! I have a key here in my pouch, the name of which is promise, that, I feel sure, will turn the lock of all the doors in Doubting Castle."

The same key which every Christian carries—and forgets—and finds again when he falls on his knees. Fools that we are! —Margueritte Harmon Bro.



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PALM SUNDAY

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: Seeing Things As They Are

Preacher: Our Pastor

JUNIOR CHOIR

Our Junior Choir will lead the Procession at our Palm Sunday Service. These youth are from our Junior and Intermediate Departments, of which Mrs. Beck is the Superintendent. Miss Anita Fitch is the director of this choir. These youth have been practicing every Saturday and will bring a fine contribution to the service this Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Our classes are preparing for large attendance in the next Sundays. Floyd Morrical is giving fine leadership to this program. This Sunday and Easter Sunday should be utilized for raising of our Easter Offering.

C. Y. F.

The C. Y. F. will meet at the church at six o'clock. All high school youth are invited to this meeting.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

The annual Sacrificial Service will be held at the church this Sunday evening at **eight o'clock**. This service is sponsored by our Woman's Council. Both men and women are invited.

Visitation Evangelism

Among those who have participated in the Visitation Evangelism Program are Glenn Miller, C. F. Durfee, Albert Egly, Owen Vaught, Don Eyer, Harold Bolyard, Floyd Morrical, James L. Presnell, Alan Bell, J. M. Fitch, Walter C. Birkhold, Robert Rayl, Robert Truelove, Henry M. Flowers Delmas Young, James R. Shockney, Walter Rodgers, B. W. Leverssee, Charles E. Fuchshuber, William Tracey, Eugene Fitch, Robert M. Hopkins, Jr., L. R. Sentman, Kenneth Lytle, R. E. Working and Robert T. Beck.

Among the churches participating (29) First Christian ranked 5th in the number of decisions made for the churches of Fort Wayne

We wish to express the appreciation of our membership to these men who in conformity to the way Jesus sent out the seventy, went two by two into many of the homes of our city. A number of our men are continuing this program.

THE TASK IS BEFORE US

"The Chuhsien station is getting re-established as China Christian Mission buildings are slowly being vacated by soldiers, renters, or squatters. One missionary residence (the former Osgood home rebuilt from its foundation) is now completed. Since September, Margaret and George Cherryhomes have occupied a room in the home of Reverend Wu Singtan, their office, reception room, dispensary, and whatnot being the porch. Margaret has been initiated into the intricacies of a Chinese outdoor kitchen—stoking a brick stove, cooking in one large iron pot, wrestling with a housekeeper's problem of keeping one vegetable hot while another cooks, and the everlasting boiling of water. The new house will relieve considerably these difficulties.

"A greatly expanded program will eventually be under way in this thriving country town, for late last fall, the Christian Rural Service Union in conference at Nanking

decided to make Chuhsien a service center for a five-pronged assault on the problems of China's rural communities. The Union's program will include health, cultivation of Christian homes, literacy, agricultural improvement, and evangelism. Prior to this important decision, Dean C. W. Chang, of the School of Agriculture and Forestry in the University of Nanking, with several other specialists had visited Chuhsien as well as other possible sites for this project, inspecting the area, noting the facilities for use, and checking on the surrounding rural villages. Our China Mission has awaited their decision with keen interest, and is happy to make this announcement."

The above quotation from a China Newsletter is just another indication of the work being done by Disciple of Christ missionaries around the world. In spite of grave problems of reconstruction, the task is being done, slowly but with great hope for the future.

GATHERED TOGETHER IN HIS NAME

Stores, restored garages, and rooms of destroyed factories are often used as churches in the bombed and rubble-strewn cities of Europe. On your way to such churches, you must climb and descend mountains of ruins.

How wretched these churches look! There is an overturned case, used as an altar. The visitors sit on tables and on the chairs of children. There are no nails for repair, and, of course, it is impossible to get boards, glass, concrete, or glue. Most of these catacomb-churches are rooms, wherein the wind blows, paper is hanging loose at the destroyed walls. Attendants must use their umbrellas when it is raining. You always see the plaster of the ceiling hanging down in long fibres. When it is stormy weather and the wind blows through the unclosed windows, then much plaster falls. The wind often makes the thin glass of the windows crackle.

Visitors to the church services often faint and must be taken out. People, weak from hunger, cannot stand long in overcrowded rooms. It is difficult to attend services in a catacomb that is in the center of the town, because people have no shoes. And it is impossible for the people to be punctual, when the church is not in the center. If anybody is so lucky as to own a bicycle, he possesses no tires or tubes. So people must walk many hours to their church. You can imagine how hard that is for persons who are hungry and who have only wrecks of shoes.

Today, as never before, it is of decisive importance that Christians throughout the world help restore faith in justice, and give hope for the future that the cries of millions may be answered.



Workmen undertake the repairing of a church at Caen, France. It's a slow process due to lack of tools and any new building materials. There is scarcely room to stack the cleaned stones in the midst of the rubble.

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JUNIOR BOARD OF DEACONS

At the meeting of the Junior Board of Deacons the work of the Church in interest of the young adults of our membership and church was reviewed. They have as their project the promoting of the men's section of our church choir. Donald E. Munro is the chairman of this board.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee of the church will meet this Friday at the church at seven o'clock in the evening. During this meeting the work of the church will be evaluated and a program will be developed in accordance with the Crusade For A Christian World.

HOLY WEEK

Union Noon Day Service at Paramount Theatre, Speaker: Dr. Perry Gresham, Woodward Ave., Christian Church, Detroit, Michigan

MAUNDAY THURSDAY 7: 30 p. m. Candle Light Communion Service. This will be a new and impressive service. Make this a must service.

GOOD FRIDAY 1:00 to 3:00 p. m. St. Lukes, corner of Warsaw and Hamilton Sts. Our Pastor will speak on Sixth word, "It is Finished." Mrs. Jack Weicker is soloist.

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

"And they came to Calvary . . ." **A Sacrificial Service.** The Woman's Council invites you to participate in this service of renewal of the spirit and re-dedication of life, Sunday evening, March 21 at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Edwin T. Milligan will be our guest soloist and Mrs. Robert Scott will accompany her on the piano. Mrs. Edwin Geerken will read the scripture texts and Mrs. Dale Hiler will be the speaker. Offerings will be used in the United Christian Missionary Society's State-wide project, the support of the mission work in Jamacia. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Allen of Canada, are the missionaries serving in that Field.

New Babies in our Church Family

A son, Robert Donald, born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Miller, 513 E. Taber St. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Miller are the proud grandparents

A son born to Mr. and Mrs. Kasmir Kanczuzewski, 1136 Jones St. Mrs. Kanczuzewski will be remembered as Miss Evelyn Knepper.

Special Holy Week Service

Wednesday, March 24 at 2 o'clock. The theme of the meditation, 'A Man's Faith In God.' Miss Anita Fitch will be our soloist and Mrs. Fred H. Wilson, leader. We wish to invite all our women to be present at this Holy Week Service.

Illness

Mr. J. E. Tracey, 2015 Frary St. is a patient in the Methodist Hospital, where he underwent an appendectomy. He is doing nicely.

Mr. Richard Schrecongast has been in Canton where his father is quite ill.

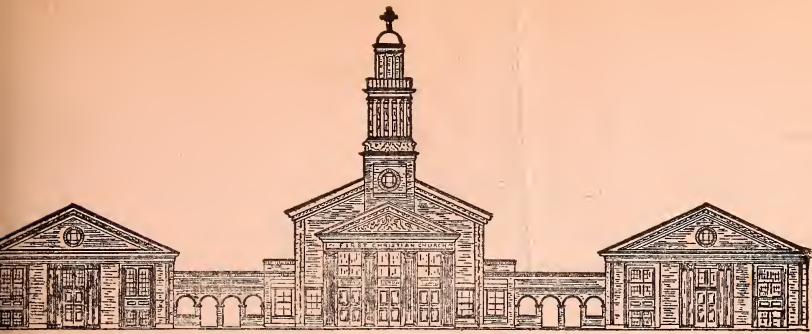
C. F. Durfee

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Durfee in the death of Mr. Durfee. Mr. Durfee was chairman of the Board of Deacons, a Trustee, chairman of the House Committee. No member in the church had extended as many invitations for church membership or seen so many accepted. Literally dozens of people in our church came through the invitation of Mr. Durfee. His cheerful, kind and genuine spirit was appreciated by all. Mr. and Mrs. Durfee had a beautiful Christian home life. He is greatly missed in our church.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. Robert H. Hill and his family in the loss of his father. Mr. Hill's father had reached the age of 87 years. He had been a leading industrialist in the city of Anderson.

Flowers For Easter

Lillies and Flowers according to the custom of the church may be given as memorials to loved ones. These should be at the church by Saturday, Mar. 27th.



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EASTER SUNDAY

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: "True Hearts Everywhere"

Preacher, Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Our attendance has jumped immeasurably during these last few weeks. Let us make next Sunday, Easter, a great day for the Church School. Remember your offerings for Easter.

PASTOR'S CLASS

The Pastor will meet with the children who are planning to come into the Church on Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M. Other children who should come into the Church at this Easter time are also invited to come at this hour.

THIS IS THE VICTORY - - -

As the churches turn to producing spiritual directors it will not be long before in our land there are arising saints, men who are the contemporary equals of Benedict, Francis, Fox and Wesley. From such a corps will come the new force adequate to the volcanic violences of this age. In a generation those who have chosen the dedicated life, dedicating soul, mind, body and estate, may be able to repeat again those words of triumph, "This is our victory which overcometh the world, and our faith."

—Gerald Heard.

A CRUSADE FOR A CHRISTIAN WORLD

Where does the Crusade Begin? . . . There is an old Negro spiritual which expresses a simple but profound truth. "It's not the preacher nor the deacon, but it's thee, O Lord." And that's where the Crusade begins—in me . . . in you. The simple truth is that if it doesn't begin it won't begin at all.

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is a time for worship. Good Friday services will be held in the various churches of the community, from 12 noon until 3:00 o'clock.

EASTER

O soul of mine, this day of days.

The Lord is risen,
Toward the sunrising set thy face,
The Lord is risen.
Behold he giveth strength and grace;
From darkness, light; for mourning praise;
For sin, his holiness for conflict, peace.

Arise, O soul, this Easter Day
Forget the tomb of yesterday,
For thou from bondage art set free;
Thou sharest in his victory
And life eternal is for thee,
Because the Lord is risen.

—Author Unknown.

OUR HOPE

As the knowledge of the resurrection of Christ brought reassurance to his despairing disciples, so today that same truth and a sense of his abiding presence at all times is God's answer to man's confusion and need. In a world of disorder and uncertainty, perhaps our greatest need can be expressed in the words of Matthew Arnold, "To see life steadily and see it whole." This can be accomplished only if we view life through the perspective of the risen Christ, our hope for a redeemed world.

The "Easter Parade" epitomizes the contrast of our "so-called Christian society" with the early Christian community. For many, the observance of Easter means only fashions and feasting. Even Christian peoples, through making Easter a special festival day, slight its great significance by limiting their concern for its message to a single day or week. With our modern fad of specialization we tend to segment life into special jobs, special drives, special days. Easter could easily become only one of a myriad of special emphases, soon to be pushed aside for another occasion which claims our attention.

Chrysostom comments on I Corinthians 5:7, "The whole of time is a festival unto Christians because of the excellency of the good things which have been given." The spirit and practice of the New Testament Church indicates that there were no special festival days but only a concern for "the promotion of a life of blamelessness and piety." However, the fact of the risen Christ made such an impact on the lives of His followers that within a hundred years of this event, the celebration of Easter as a special day had become an established procedure.

We dare not omit the special emphasis of Easter on that great central reality of our faith. We must not fail to proclaim throughout the year that Christ alone is "the resurrection and the life."

CLINTON P. CAMPBELL



HE IS RISEN

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CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Hirschy, in the birth of a son, Charles Ansel, March 12. Mr. and Mrs. James Hirschy are the proud grandparents.

GRATEFUL THANKS

Mrs. Durfee wishes to thank her many friends, who, through their kind expressions of sympathy and by their prayers and words of comfort during Dr. Durfee's last illness, made her sorrow a little easier.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Lillies and other Flowers may be given as memorials to loved ones. Please have them at the Church by Saturday, March 27th. These flowers may be taken after the services or they may be taken to our sick and shut-ins.

ILLNESS

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cramer is quite ill in Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. Paul Parsons is a patient in the Lutheran Hospital. Miss Emma Dorris is ill at home, 409 W. Jefferson St.

Mrs. E. R. Mager is confined to her home, 2816 Central Drive. She enjoys visitors.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Parsons in the death of their newly born son.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Samuel Greider and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth V. Lytle in the death of Mother and Grandmother, Mrs. Mary DeWitte, who passed away on Tuesday, March 23.

VISITING

Mrs. J. A. Lynn is still visiting with her daughter in Chicago. For those who might wish to write her or drop her a card her address is, 1340 Bryn Mawr, Chicago 40, Illinois.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Bible Class will meet with Mrs. Carter Palmer, 2625 N. Wells St., Friday, April 2, at 8:00 P.M.

IS EASTER THE END?

"In the beginning God . . ." "I Came that you may have life and may have it abundantly."

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

"He is not here, but is risen . . ."

"Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations . . ."

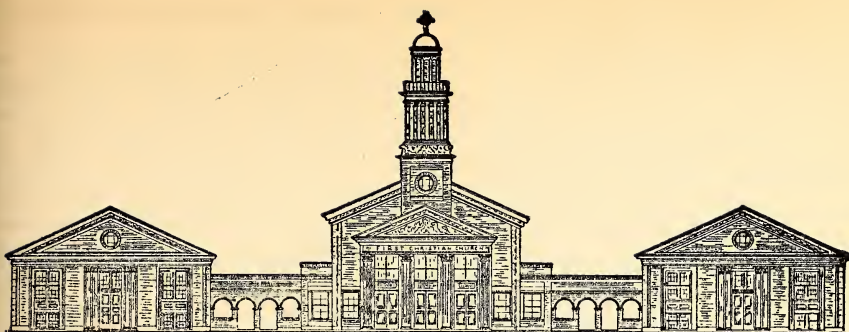
Here we have the great road signs of Christian progress. Easter is not the end. It is the mountain peak from which we see the rising sun of a new day. It is where we take up the task and move toward His goal—the Kingdom of God on earth.

Many of us would like to stay up on the clouds of the resurrection experience, but the Master made that impossible. The Great Commission shook men out of their reverie and commanded them to "Go" — there is a job to do!

May the glad dawn on Eastern morn
Bring joy to thee.
May the calm eve of Easter leave

A peace divine with thee.
May Easter night on thine heart write,
O Christ, I live for Thee.

—Thomas Curtis Clark.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: **For Their Sake**

Preacher: Our Pastor

An even larger crowd than last year was present at our Easter Worship Service. Our service was marked by a worshipful reverence. Our ushers, deacons, and elders did magnificently in the performance of their offices. Our choir had the largest number of men it has had this season. Thanks to our Junior Board of Deacons. The flowers were beautiful, and the service had a great climax in seven people coming forward to become a part of the First Christian Church. Four of them came by baptism. The year 1948 has seen many come into the church. Many are yet to be received.

This Sunday our pastor will bring another of his sermons that deal with the practical side of living the Christian life. Be in your place and join in singing the great hymns, in offering prayers to God, in fellowship about our Lord's table. You will be the better for having been in church.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Our Church School went over the goal that was set for Easter. The offering for our mission work will hold over until next Sunday. The adult classes were most encouraging.

Movies will be shown at the Children's House this next Sunday.

The High School class has been having a contest within the class. Last Sunday was their largest attendance this year. Miss Ruby Whisman is the teacher of this class.

CYF — 6:00 P.M.

There will be movies for the Sunday evening program. All College, High School Young people are welcome to this program on Sunday evenings.

MEN'S FORUM — APRIL 11, 6:15 P.M.

Membership cards are now available for the Men's Forum. A fine program is being planned for the April meeting of the Forum. John Lickert, president of Youth Foundation, is to be the speaker.

OUR BROTHERHOOD CHALLENGES US TO TITHE

Our Brotherhood challenges us to tithe between Easter and Pentecost, a period of 50 days. All of us, sometime or other, have thought or said what we would do if we became rich. Why wait until you are rich. Tithe and get the joy of doing those benevolent things you have always wanted to do. We have quite a number of tithers in our congregation. They are very happy in their church giving. Why not give it a trial during these fifty days.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

Southern Christian Institute established for over seventy years is located in Edwards, Mississippi. A full elementary school, a four-year high school and a junior college are conducted for Negroes of that state and surrounding ones. The educational service needs to be continued until there is more adequate provision for public school education for Negro in this area.

A varied schedule is offered, made especially available since the school follows the nine-weeks concentrated study plan in the high school and junior college, with work in religion, commercial work, home economics, education as well as a general course of study. SCI is one of three Negro schools in the state of Mississippi accredited by the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges.

Besides the school schedule, SCI does work in the surrounding community. The influence of the school is felt in the extension schools held for teachers each year, a traveling library, and the "mission" store of good used clothing where many families outfit the whole family.

HOME EVANGELIZATION

The number of unchurched homes in the United States today is greater than at any time in our nation's history. More than seventeen million boys and girls under the age of sixteen receive no religious training. The seventy million persons who are totally unrelated to the church and the thirty-five million who are only nominally members represent the tremendous field of the unreached. The Home Evangelization Project of the Disciples of Christ is a program to reach the unchurched American home through its children and, through them, unite it for Christ. The project is designed to strengthen and bless three basic American institutions: the church, the neighborhood and the home.

The home is the basic institution of

American life. The religious habits and thought patterns of parents are generally reflected in their children. The church must do more than simply decry the failure of the home to provide Christian nurture for its children, it must make available for the homes of its constituency practical helps for building a Christian family life. The evangelistic program of the local church should have as its aim maximum coverage of the community through the family.

BASIC RIGHTS

In order that moral power may be potent for peace and in order that the United States may not be isolated and endangered in the world, our nation must stand plainly for something so simple that all can understand and so clearly right that all men of good will will agree. That goal is a world of free societies wherein all men, as the children of God, are recognized to have certain basic rights, including liberty to hold and change beliefs and practices according to reason and conscience, freedom to differ even from their own government and immunity from persecution or coercion on account of spiritual and intellectual beliefs. We recognize that at home our people have not eradicated some kinds of intolerance, especially in race relations. There is, however, a profound difference between a free society, in which there can be appeal to the conscience of men to bring about self-correction, and a police state where no dissent is allowed.

*Federal Council of the
Churches of Christ*

A TASK TO BE DONE

If America is to become Christian and more important if America is to stay Christian we must never cease working and praying. It is Christ alone that offers hope and inspiration for America and the world. The church must make His message available to all.



God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things.

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SUMMER CONFERENCE — YOUTH'S OPPORTUNITY

Announcement has been made of the date of Summer Conference this year at Lake Wawasee and of the Intermediate Camp. Now is the time to begin preparation for this conference. See your youth leader or Mr. Leversee. To those who qualify, the church gives as a scholarship one-half the cost.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

The Dorcas Circle will meet with Mrs. Harold Roberts, 1702 Tilden Avenue. Thursday, April 1. Mrs. David Hogg will review the book, "Laughing Through Glory". Mrs. Cecil Rice will give the devotions.

The Martha Circle will meet at the Church, on Thursday, April 8, at 2:15 P.M. Mrs. Charles Dare is in charge of the program and Mrs. M. G. Heller will give the devotions.

The Naomi Circle will meet with Mrs. Ruth Anderson, R. R. 9, St. Joe Center Road, Wednesday afternoon, April 7, at 2:00 P.M.

The Rachel Circle will meet with Mrs. O. G. Schell, 3010 S. Lafayette St., Tuesday afternoon, April 6, at 2:15 P.M. Mrs. Dale Hiler will give a paper on "The Christian Home".

The Ruth Circle will meet with Mrs. Harry Lomont, 1126 Fairfield Ave., Tuesday afternoon, April 6, at 2:15 P.M. Mrs. David Hogg will review the book, "Laughing Through Glory".

ELDERS SERVING DURING APRIL

April 4, Alexander M. Campbell, B. W. Leversee.

April 11, Robert E. Clipp, Dr. A. C. Worley.

April 18, Joseph M. Fitch, Owen O. Vaught.

April 25, Harry G. Hiler, John F. Davis.

DEACONS SERVING DURING APRIL

Kenneth V. Lytle, Captain, H-55773. Alan Bell, Dale Bailey, Leo E. Miller, Preston H. Somers, Fred H. Wilson, Romane H. Cole, J. Hugh Tracey. (If for any reason you cannot serve, please call your Captain or Merland G. Heller, Chairman).

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet on Wednesday, April 7, at 7:45 P.M.

ILLNESS

Mr. Lawrence Sentman's father is a patient in the hospital at Crawfordsville, Ind.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cramer is a patient in the Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Ray Koster has been confined to her home with a very sore throat. Mrs. Koster is a popular teacher in our Children's House.

EASTER PULPIT FLOWERS

The Easter flowers for the Pulpit were in memory of Mr. John Sutton, Mr. C. F. Durfee, Mr. Ray Woodhull, Mr. C. R. Sargent, Mrs. Charles Bromley and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Beck.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. John McLaughlin in the recent death of her Grandmother, Mrs. Isa Wilder, 1141 Stoplet St.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: The Man In The Crowd

We have not only a friendly atmosphere in our worship service, but we have a most reverent atmosphere. Our people enter into the service in a very sincere manner. Many speak of the fine singing of our congregation.

Our choir is growing. There is yet places for those who desire to consecrate their musical talents in this way. Our Junior Board of Deacons have interested a number of the younger men in our church choir.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

The LaKoda Class has been averaging a fine attendance during the last Sundays. Young people out of High School are welcomed in this class. Mr. Jack Weicker is the teacher and Miss Mardelle Fisher is the president.

The Children's Choir from the Children's House is practicing each Saturday at 10:45 A.M. It is their hope to have several selections which they may give at the next Family Night.

MEN'S FORUM — 6:15 P.M.

A program of interest to men will be presented at the Church next Sunday evening when the Men's Forum meets for their regular monthly meeting. John Lickert, industrialist, and president of the Christian Youth Foundation, will be the speaker. Don Eyer, the president, will conduct a brief business session. Special music and group singing will be a part of the program. The supper will be 50¢ per plate. Call in your reservations.

CYF — 6:00 P.M.

"Moral Standards of Young People" will be the subject of the discussion of the young people at their meeting next Sunday evening. Miss Margaret Powers, the president, will lead the discussion. All High School Young people are invited. Miss Ruby Whisman is the adult sponsor for this group.

THE MONEY QUESTION

No one has become truly a Christian until he has solved the money problem. The making of money takes much of one's life. The spending of it consumes another large portion of his time. One must face the question "Am I making my money as a Christian? Do I earn it in a Christian Way?" As equally important is the way you spend your money? Do you put your money where it does good or evil? Where does God come in? What are you doing for Christ and His church. Are you haphazard and careless about paying your obligations here. Many Christians tithe. They seem to get along much better than others. They seem happier. Our brotherhood is challenging our members to try tithing until Pentecost. "Test it out," is their plea. Why not try it, if you have not done so.

THE POSSIBILITIES IN JAPAN

From all parts of the world can be heard the cry for more missionaries to bring Christianity to faltering peoples who are looking for something real and vital to believe in and to hold as true and lasting. So it is in Japan, and in the Disciples of Christ mission station there is felt the need for both missionaries and added funds. This is emphasized in a recent letter Mr. K. C. Hendricks, who along with his wife and the young, newly-arrived Mr. and Mrs. Hal Shorrock, are our representatives in Japan. His letter in part:

"Missionaries keep coming into Japan by the dozens. There are probably over two hundred Protestant missionaries by now. Our four constitute a very small per cent of that total. And within another year or two we shall be a much smaller 'drop in the bucket' out here in Japan, unless further reinforcements are sent out. We strongly urge that The United Christian Missionary Society put into Japan at the earliest possible time a much bigger investment of workers and funds. This country in the near future will probably be more evangelistically fruitful than the Congo region of Africa. It seems fantastic to say so; but sober thought reaffirms the assertion. Give us enough missionaries so that we can spread out into the country districts of Fukushima, Yamagata, and Akita, our historic fields, now among the most promising parts of Japan in responsiveness to the Gospel, and there will be thousands added within an amazingly brief time."



HAZEL GREEN ACADEMY

Work at Hazel Green Academy in Kentucky was begun sixty-five years ago as a boarding school for mountain boys and girls who had no other way of getting formal education on even the primary level. Although the public school is now reaching many more of these children in the hills, there are some who need to have a place to live near the school because it

is too far to the school bus and the day is not long enough to make the daily trip.

Meeting the needs of the people is the job that is uppermost for Hazel Green Academy. Through the social interest of many, a program of community service has been developed. With the aid of jeep, a library service has been started for the rural schools. A public health nurse and a home demonstration agent will add to the services already offered.

Services such as these are truly needed in a county where there is over three thousand people for every doctor, average adult educational level is that of the eighth grade and the chief causes of poor health can be traced to malnutrition.



WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The first assembly of the World Council of Churches will be held in Amsterdam, Holland in August 1948. There are now 127 Protestant and other non-Roman churches, from 39 different countries, that have joined the Council. Almost all of these, including many from lands to which Europe and America have long sent missionaries, will be represented at the Amsterdam Assembly. The Assembly will frame a constitution "to provide continuous fellowship of all Christians in the Protestant and most of the Orthodox communion throughout the world," says Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, chairman of the committee arranging for the first assembly.



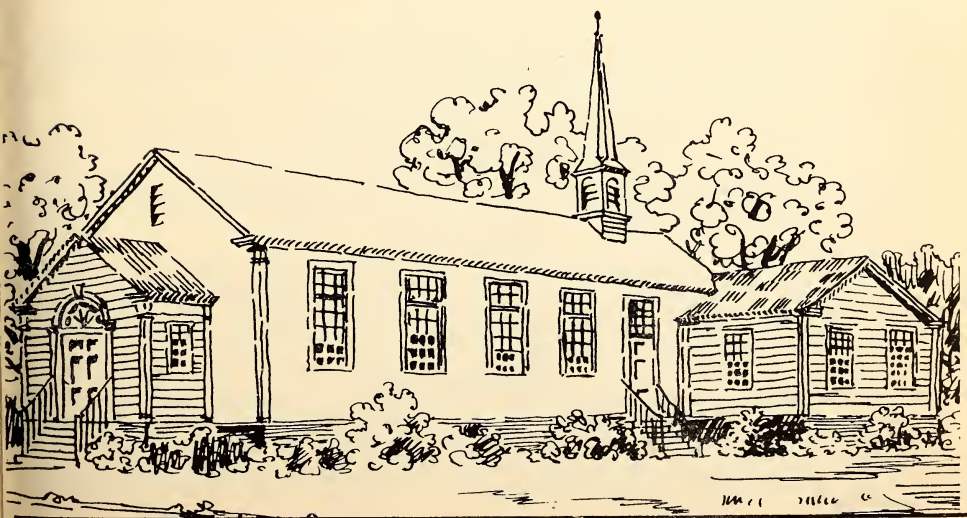
HOME MISSIONS

Home missions work of Disciples of Christ includes a variety of services to minority, racial, and under-privileged groups within the borders of the United States and Canada. Mission churches are maintained and support given to weak congregations, recruitment of men and women for the ministry is stressed, evangelistic campaigns are conducted, and materials are provided to assist the churches in making more effective their total program.

O Come, let us sing unto the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the
rock of our salvation. Let us come be-
fore his presence with thanksgiving; let
us make a joyful noise unto him with
psalms.

O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker:
for he is our God; and we are the people
of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Psalms 95:1-7



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GUILD MONDAY — 7:00 P.M.

The Guild will meet next Monday at the home of our pastor and his wife, 308 South Seminole Circle. Members of the guild are asked to note this place of meeting and are reminded that guests will be welcomed at this meeting. A good program has been prepared.

AREA MEN'S MEETING

Tickets for the Area Men's Meeting may be obtained from the office. These tickets may be procured at \$1.00. Rev. C. L. Johnson from Marion will be the speaker.

NEW PROSPECTIVE CHURCH MEMBER

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Cole are the parents of a new baby girl, Judith Ann. Her big sister is mighty happy about this new arrival. Both mother and baby are doing nicely at Room 366, Lutheran Hospital.

AMONG THE SICK

Mrs. Edith Stevens, one of our new members, has returned to her home from the Lutheran Hospital, and is doing nicely now.

Mrs. J. R. Moser, 2816 Central Drive, is confined to her home. She enjoys visitors.

Mr. Garee, father of Allen and Paul Garee, is confined to his bed. Many of the older members of the church remember Mrs. Garee as a very faithful member of this congregation.

Mr. J. E. Tracey, is convalescing from a major operation and is doing very nicely.

Mrs. John Leikauf continues to be confined to her home.

NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Sigrist have returned from Hot Springs, Arkansas. Both are refreshed and feeling much better.

Our minister spoke before the Ministers' Meeting on Monday on the subject of Pastoral Counselling.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH

Summer Conference will be held at Lake Wawasee in June. Now is the time to make plans if you wish to attend this conference. See your Sunday School teacher or Mr. Leversee, if you are interested.

USE THE LIBRARY

Our Church Library has some very interesting new books. See our Librarian, Miss Ethel Shroyer.

SYMPATHY

Mrs. Perry Gresham, wife of our Minister at Detroit, passed away the Monday after Easter with a heart attack. Dr. Gresham was the Holy Week speaker this year for the Associated Churches.

EASTER FLOWERS FOR PULPIT

Flowers were presented in memory of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Shroyer.

COME DOUBLE CLASS

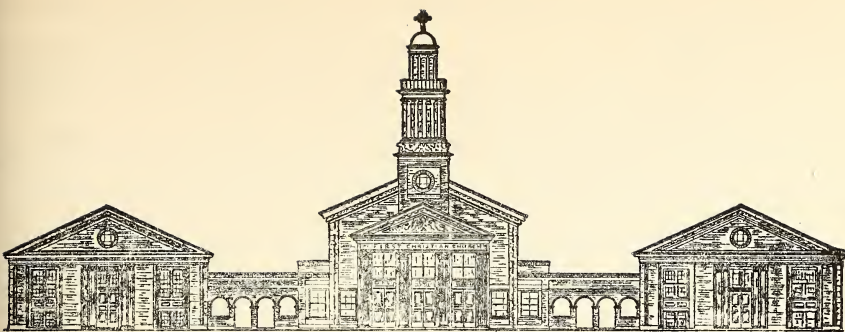
Mr. and Mrs. Don Eyer will be hostesses for the Come Double Class which will meet at 2125 No. Anthony Blvd. Friday, April 9, at 7:30 P.M. MEMBERS, PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN PLACE.

MEN'S FORUM

Mr. Don Eyer, president of the Men's Forum, requests the men of the Church to please make a special effort to be at the Forum meeting Sunday evening at 6:15 P.M. It would be extremely helpful to the Food Committee, Alan Bell, Chairman, if you could possibly phone in your reservations either to Dale Hiler, H-79693, or Don Eyer, H-28256, or to the Church Office, E-2737.

EVENING GUILD

The Evening Guild will meet with Rev. and Mrs. Robert T. Beck, 308 South Seminole Circle Monday evening, April 12, at 7:00 P.M. for Dessert. Mrs. Wm. Robinson will give the devotions and Mrs. Charles Dare will give a paper on "Union of Churches". Miss Sarah Shroyer will play several piano selections. Mr. Beck will give a short talk on "Stewardship". MEMBERS, PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN TIME.



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MORNING WORSHIP—10:30 A. M.

Sermon: "Before Disaster"

The Preacher: Pastor.

Someone was heard to say last Sunday, "Had my family and I stayed away from Church this morning we should have missed what everyone ought to experience every Sunday morning. The services were a real help." Certainly in these days Christians ought to be in their place for prayer and worship every Sunday. Let your Christianity be stronger and more reliable than the changing weather.

CHURCH SCHOOL—9:30 A. M.

Softball trophy will be presented on Sunday morning at the Sunday School period. Mr. Dale Parkerson, the superintendent, will be in charge. He will be assisted by Vaughn Brickley, who was the manager last year of our team who were the runners up for the championship of Fort Wayne. All our players are requested to be present at that time also. The announcement will be made of our plans for our team for this season.

C.Y.F.—6:00 P. M.

A good meeting of our High School Youth was held last Sunday with an increased number present. All High School Youth are invited to be present this Sunday evening for the program which consists of Worship, discussion and a social period.

LOOKING FORWARD

On **April the 23rd**, the Dorcas Circle is sponsoring a social program for the Woman's Council. Members and friends of the Church are invited to come with their families. There will be games, Special Music, readings and movies, and hobbies. Mrs. Dale Hiler is president of the Dorcas Circle.

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK—May 2 to May 9

Our church is cooperating fully in this program. We will begin with a Family Night and will end with a Mother's Day service. Our Children's Choir will appear both times. Other features will be announced later.

EVANGELISM

Prayer and Evangelism go together. No prayer is so effective as when it directs the petitioner from himself to the needs of others. We have the promise of our Master that He will be with those who seek to win disciples unto the end of the ages. Many of us are weak in our religion because we have never ventured to accept the challenge of the Great Commission. You may not be able to go to the Mission field, but you can influence those about you. In this period between Easter and Pentecost, make a real effort to bring a new member into the Church.

THEY NEED YOU

As Christians, perhaps we have not fully understood how much aid is needed in both Europe and Asia by the churches and the Christian institutions to enable them to reestablish, maintain and enlarge their ministry in these tragic times, when the need and the opportunity for that ministry is so urgent. American churches, in their comfort, cannot be indifferent to these conditions in other lands. In the name of Christ they must share the burdens of their brethren everywhere.

In the Orient, the needs of the Japanese are truly great. Seventy to 75 per cent of Tokyo was destroyed; Yokohama was 90% destroyed; Osaka, 80% destroyed; Kobe, 80% destroyed. It is estimated that 21,000,000 civilian Japanese lost their homes. The cost of living has risen 350%. The U. S. Military Government reports that more than half of the employable men in Japan do not work regularly because they can not be sustained on the low caloric diet. Clothing is almost as precious as food. There are no new clothes except for a small supply that is rationed to the most

needy. The food situation is worse than it was a year ago, both in point of supply and of cost.

In India and Pakistan, four million refugees are estimated to be in emergency camps or in transit with 250,000 sick, wounded or too weak to travel. Every possible means must be employed to prevent starvation, disease and utter chaos. Because they are not involved, Christian agencies like Church World Service are rendering an invaluable service. Supplies in this emergency situation, like others of the thirty-four nations of the world where Church World Service is now operating and serving in the name of Christ for American Protestants, are distributed solely on the basis of need, without regard to religious political or other affiliation.

May you give, and give generously through your church, that men, women and children throughout Europe and Asia will daily have reason to pray and give thanks. These destitute peoples are like ourselves persons with families and friends. Only their families are sick, their friends are dying. That is why they have turned in a last desperate appeal to you.



PUERTO RICO IS BUILDING

The first missionaries to enter Puerto Rico after its annexation to the United States were Disciples of Christ missionaries. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Erwin arrived there in April 1899. In 1900 the opportunity came to open a girls' orphanage in Bayamon. In 1901 a boy's orphanage was begun. An important part of the program was the education given to the children. After 1916 practically all such needs were being cared for by the public school system. There after the work consisted almost entirely of evangelism.

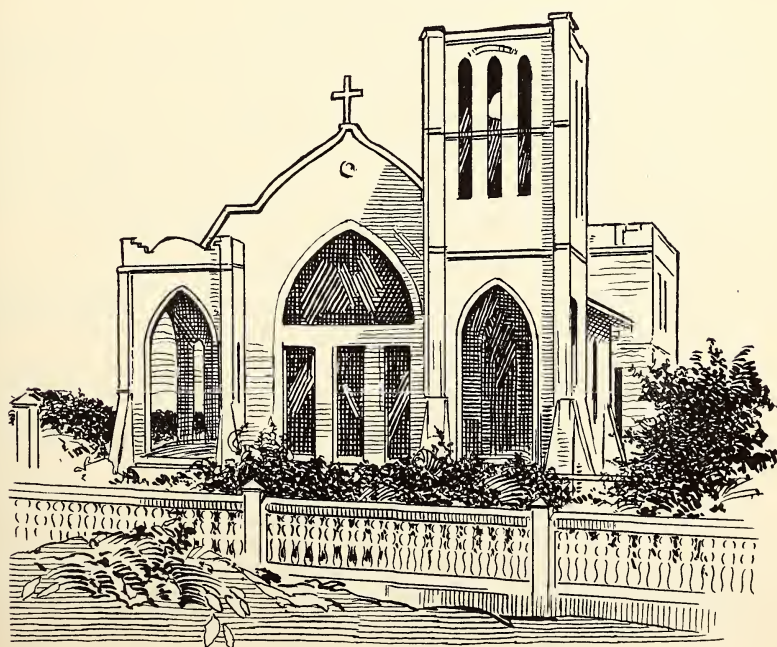
The first church was organized in 1901. During the first ten years much time and effort were spent in selecting locations for churches and beginnings were made in widely

different places. The center of the Christian Church work has been the city of Bayamon where the first church building was erected in 1908, built by Centennial offerings from Kentucky. In 1913 the second church in Bayamon was built, known as the Comerio Street Church (shown on the cover), which today has the largest congregation of Disciples of Christ in Puerto Rico.



There is no magic road that leads to the establishment of a church. One cannot put a coin into a machine and take out character, conviction, or Christian family life. It is a matter of education, discipline, and inner growth. It requires organization, cooperation, and experimentation. The church in Puerto Rico has grown in a remarkable way because serious planning and prayer have gone into it.

Mrs. Mae Yobo Ward



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Our Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Martin C. Brudi in the recent loss of their grandfather, Mr. Martin C. Brudi.

Illness

David Roberts, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roberts, 1702 Tilden, is a patient in Room 501, Methodist Hospital.

Mrs. James Reynolds is in the hospital for observation.

Woman's Council

Friday, April 23. This is an evening meeting. The Executive will meet for a short session in the **Lakoda Classroom** at 7:15 P. M. The Esther Circle is in charge of the Worship period. The Dorcas group has the program. The program will begin at 7:45 p. m. There will be movies and a hobby exhibit. Special music and readings and games. Please bring your hobbies for the exhibit.

Honor Roll

Those who have their pledges paid for the first quarter: Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Anders, Robert Anderson, Mrs. Ruth Anderson, Mrs. Jeanette Barbier, Martha Jeannette Beck, Mrs. Alma Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bell, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mrs. H. J. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, Mr. and Mrs. Martin C. Brudi, Mrs. E. E. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Buchanan, Mrs. Stella Burkhalter. To be continued next week.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir will meet on Saturday morning at 10:45 a. m. Parents are asked to help the children to be present at this hour.

Have You Made Your Will?

A will is a private law, honored by the state, to protect personal desires and intentions beyond this life.

The man or woman who has made a will is continuing to be a faithful steward of his possessions.

Have You Made Your Will?

Of course, you should make provision for the payment of your obligations and your funeral expenses. There should also be some provision for your family or other dependents.

You should also provide something for your church. During your lifetime, you loved and supported your church. Your church ministers to you through all the varied experiences of your life, from the cradle roll to the grave. The church will be a comfort and a strength to your loved ones when you are gone. The church will have part in the loving service honoring your memory.

So why not have the satisfaction and contentment now of knowing that you are making some wise provision for the future of your church? A bequest need not be large to be gracious and helpful. Ten dollars is not too little and a million dollars is not too much. Several of our members have provided a gift for the church through the writing of a will. You, too, should make such a provision. Or you might wish to leave some property or some bonds or stock to the church. But you should definitely remember your church in your will. Talk it over with your pastor or some member of the Official Board.

—The Church Bell.



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MORNING WORSHIP—10:30 A.M.

Sermon: "Will Being Different Help?"

Preacher: Our Pastor

"Come Unto Me" finds no surer emphasis than when it comes from the call to worship about our Lord's Table on Sunday morning. Here we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Here there is promise of forgiveness and strength. Christians thru the centuries have testified to this. Come, let us worship together. Come Sunday!

CHURCH SCHOOL—9:30 A. M.

Young People who are thinking of going to the Youth Summer Conference or the Intermediate camp, should get in touch with Mr. Leversee as soon as possible.

Soft Ball Team a call has gone out for players for our soft ball team. The beautiful trophy which was won by our team last year was presented last Sunday. Vaughn Brickley managed the team last year. Collins Mannan will manage our team this year.

LaKoda Class is planning a party to be held at one of the parks in the very near future. Further details of the plans will be discussed this next Sunday.

CHURCH PARTY—Friday Evening 7:45 o'clock (April 23rd)

A fine evening of fun, games and fellowship for every member of the family is planned by our Women's Council. The Dorcas Circle will be in charge. **Do Not MISS this party.**

C.Y.F.—6:00 P. M.

The High School youth are having interesting sessions each Sunday evening. Last Sunday the subject was on Alcohol. This Sunday another youth problem will be faced.

Committee met this last Monday and plans will be announced Sunday evening regarding the party which the girls are giving to the boys of the C.Y.F. and the High School Sunday School class.

FAMILY NIGHT MAY 2nd—6:30 P.M.

A program of music, fellowship for the whole family is being planned for the Family night which will open our observance of **family week** in our church. A new Cathedral Film will be shown. This will be a talkie. Further details of the plans will be given in the next issue of this paper. Our Observance of Family Week will climax in the observance of Mothers' Day.

REMEMBER NEXT SUNDAY WE ARE ON DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

THAT THEY MIGHT SERVE

Missionaries are real people, who have daily lives to live just as others. Their path is not always clear-cut and often far from easy. From their letters we can catch glimpses of the good and bad moments, the beautiful and the ugly, the happiness and the sorrow that they experience as they labor to bring a more Christ-like world everywhere.

"I might add to this tale of wreckage and ruin this further detail—that so many of the things I brought out with me and brought down from Pendra Road (India) to Mungeli were broken, scratched or in some way damaged that I had a carpenter working at repairs on the back porch for nearly two months. It is remarkable what he did to restore my goods to a usable condition."

Leta May Brown

"Since we sent our last letter we have built our Home in Pabellon (Agua-

entes, Mexico) and moved into it. It is just a little gray and pink house with plenty of land around it for flowers, garden, experimenting with chickens and bees, and a social center with a basket ball and tennis court. After living seventeen years in dormitories and a rented antique, we are happy to be in a real home."

The Kephlops

"We have just completed another Longkundo lesson . . . We must understand how these people think and what they say. Every paragraph we read with them in the New Testament calls for explanation—and sometimes a lengthy one—that they may see Christ as their Great Teacher and come to love Him for His truth that sets men free. Unless we can make Him real in their words they use they will think of Him as the white man's Christ and that would be a distortion of the truth. Language study is a vital part of the work here."

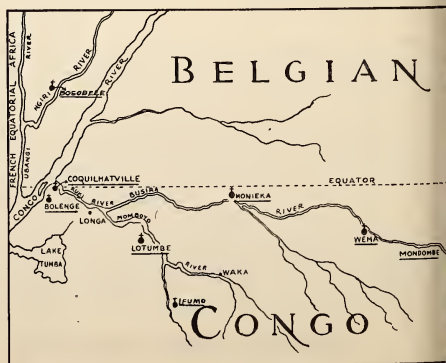
*Sue and Walter Cardue
Belgian Congo*

THE YEARS HAVE MEANT PROGRESS

The Disciples of Christ mission field in the Belgian Congo is looking forward to its Golden Jubilee in 1949. Many changes have occurred in these years, some of the aims have been accomplished and in the words of Hattie Mitchell, missionary for twenty-five years to the Congo, "Not all the hopes and aspirations of our early leaders have as yet been fulfilled. We see much work ahead of us for the coming years as we strive to help the Congolese take their place in the family of nations. We crave for them, from among their group, consecrated leaders who will work for the betterment of the Congolese. We pray that Christian leaders of the other races may continue to help them thru the coming years in their development that it may be Christ centered.

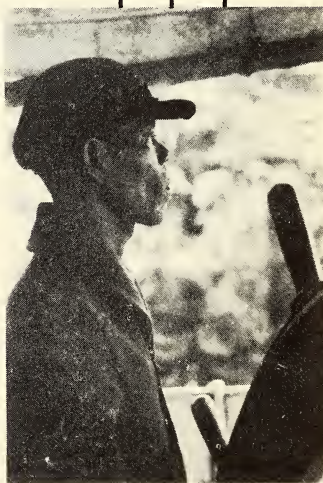
"More people are interested in school and they are staying a greater number of years for training. Confidence has increased in the mission doctors thru the years and

more people are coming for help. The teacher-preachers are better trained than formerly. Some of the early teachers are outstanding for the faithfulness thru the years. Many have accepted Christ and are striving to follow Him as best they know while others are drawn back into the old life which is so near to them."





Captain John of Belgian Congo, Africa, runs the river steamer, S. S. Oregon from Coquilhatville up the Kasira River to Monieka, Wema and Mandombe or perhaps along the Momboyo to Lotumbe, Waka and Lumo and back down the river to go on to the Ngiri River and up it to Mosobele. He has become a well-known figure, beloved by many, a true representative of Christian Missions in Africa.



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OUR CHOIR

Every member appreciates the loyalty of spirit that brings our choir members out to practice on Thursday night and brings them early to church on Sunday. We have had unusual musical numbers, both in anthems and solos during the year. Encourage our choir director, if you like to sing, by coming to choir practice. Our Junior Board of Deacons have been very successful in promoting the men's division in the choir.

HONOR ROLL

Mrs. Hazel Bundy, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Cahow, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carpenter, Mrs. Wm. Coblentz, Mrs. Irene Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clipp, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Cole, Miss Emma Crabill, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crouse, Mrs. McKinley Collier, Miss Betty Lou Collier, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Dalton, Mrs. Charles Dare, Lowell Dare, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Davis, Mrs. Rhoda Depotty, Mrs. Ella Diss, Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Ditton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donohue, Miss Emma Dorris, Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ellison, David Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Don J. Eyer, Robert Fahl, Miss Mardelle Fisher, Miss Anita Fitch, Fitch Brothers, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Follis, Miss Wanda Follis, Mr. and Mrs. Ellery D. Flaugh, Mr. and Mrs. George Frost, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fuchshuber, Miss Janice Fuchshuber, Miss Bonnie Fusselman, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Mrs. Lillian Gagnon, Mrs. Edwin Geerken. (To be continued.)

SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly in the death of Mrs. Egly's brother, Mr. Simeon Stukey, who made his home in Charlotte, Michigan. Our sympathy goes out, also, to Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Schlatter in the recent death of Mr. Schlatter's mother.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Willis VanAlstine is a patient in Methodist Hospital. She underwent surgery on Tuesday. Little Teresa Eyer is ill with the measles. The Orchard children are ill with chicken pox. There are other children who may be ill. The Christian Tidings will appreciate it if you will notify the office when there is illness in the home.

INDIANA STATE CONVENTION—May 20-23, 1948

At Marion, Indiana. This Convention is so near, we are sure that many of our people will want to attend, if not all at least some of the sessions. The Conventions are very inspirational and you will derive great personal benefit in attending these sessions. The Emily E. Flinn Home at Marion are planning to lay the cornerstone of their new building at 4:30 p. m. Sunday, May 23. This is at the conclusion of the convention. You will want to attend this celebration.

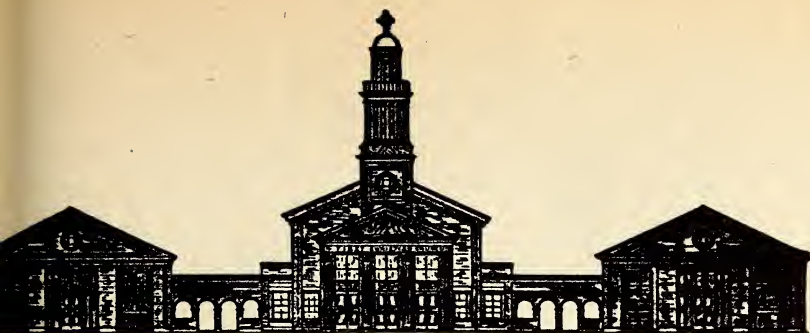
If You Want to be miserable, think much about yourself about what you like, what you want, what respect people ought to pay to you, and what people think of you.—Kingsley.

Fret Not Thyself over heavy troubles, for they are the heralds of weighty mercies.—Spurgeon.

"Here is my Creed. I believe in one God, Creator of the Universe; That He governs it by His Providence; That He ought to be worshipped; That the most acceptable service we render Him is doing good to His other children; That the soul of man is immortal and will be treated with justice in another life respecting its conduct in this."—Benjamin Franklin.

"Christianity does not consist in abstaining from doing things no gentleman would think of doing, but in doing things that are unlikely to occur to anyone who is not in touch with the spirit of Christ."—R. H. L. Sheppard.

COME ONE HOUR EARLIER THIS SUNDAY



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FAMILY WEEK: MAY 2nd - 9th
MORNING WORSHIP—10:30 A. M.

Sermon: When Life Seems Hard.

Speaker: Our Pastor

The congregation was pleased with the large choir and the fine music last Sunday. Our congregational singing was inspiring. Don't miss being in church this Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL—9:30 A. M.

The Locoda class and the High School class are asked to keep in mind the time of their parties. The High School class will meet in Foster Park, Pavilion No. 3, this Saturday at 7 p. m.

FAMILY NIGHT DINNER—6:30 P. M.

In celebration of Family Week, our **Family Night** will have unusual significance. An excellent program has been planned.

The High School Group will have a short worship program.

The Junior Choir will bring several numbers.

Mr. Marvin Crouse will present a magician program.

Mr. Rolland Ripple will give us several violin solos accompanied by Mrs. Ripple at the piano.

The program will close with a beautiful Sound Picture from the Cathedral films. Mr. Oversee will operate the machine.

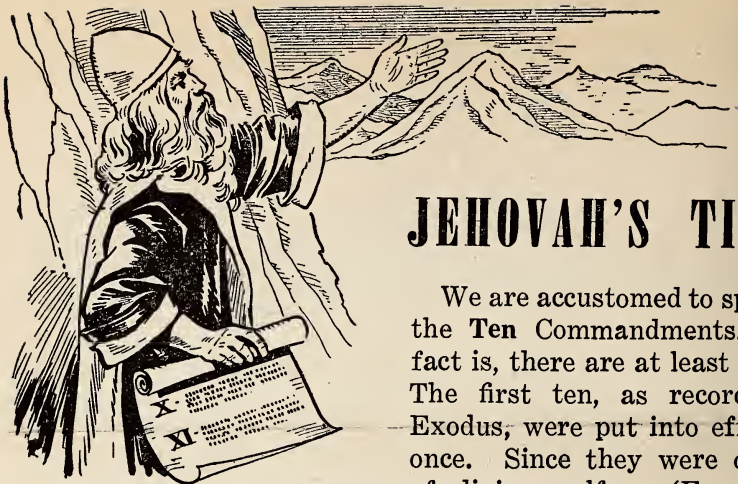
Group singing for the evening will be led by Mr. Owen Vaught.

Those coming are asked to bring table service, sandwiches and a covered dish.

Group three of the Women's Council will be hostesses. This group is composed of Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, chairman; Mrs. Clyde Driver, co-chairman; Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Mrs. David Hogg, Mrs. Alma Beck, Mrs. H. M. Flowers, Mrs. Robert Clipp, Miss Mildred Hartman.

PROGRAM OF ENLISTMENT

Many churches have had a program for the enlistment of tithers and proportionate givers this year. Reports from these churches are encouraging. For example, Wyatt Park, St. Joseph, Mo., has 81 tithers enrolled; Mallory Ave. Church, Portland, Oregon, has 75 tithers enlisted; Frankfort, Ky., has 56 tither and 56 proportionate givers; six churches in Montana have 468 tithers enlisted. Our own church in Fort Wayne has a number of tithers. We as a church, have always been proud of our record in Brotherhood leadership. We should now begin to enlist our tithers and proportionate givers. Thus we can encourage other churches in Indiana and throughout our brotherhood.



JEHOVAH'S TITHE

We are accustomed to speak of the **Ten Commandments**. The fact is, there are at least eleven. The first ten, as recorded in Exodus, were put into effect at once. Since they were objects of divine welfare (Ex. 16:13-15), one did not at once become binding. The first twenty-four chapters of Leviticus had to do with temporary laws, or ordinances, as we speak of such today, given, at the tent of meeting. But, beginning with chapter 25, we have statutory laws which were given "to the children of Israel in Mount Sinai by Moses". The second and fourth commandments were emphasized, since they were going to a land of idol worshippers and where the Sabbath was not kept. The fifth through the tenth are summed up in the terse sentence, "And ye shall not wrong one another". (25:17). To these is added an eleventh commandment which requires one-tenth of all the increase of all the land, the trees, the flocks and herds to be set apart for God. It thus takes its place beside the other ten, and every argument in their favor is equally valid for its observance today. From that time, the tithe was not given but paid to God. It was known as "Jehovah's Tithe" and has continued throughout the centuries.

"And Jehovah spake unto Moses in Mount Sinai, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come in to the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto Jehovah. . . . And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is Jehovah's; it is holy unto Jehovah. . . . And all the tithe of the herd or flock, whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto Jehovah. . . . These are the commandments which Jehovah commanded Moses for the children of Israel in Mt. Sinai."—Lev. 25:1-2, 27:30, 32, 34.

The Fruitage of Praise

"Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him."—Psalm 67:5-7



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May 16th is Stewardship Dedication Sunday. On this day and throughout the month of May please enlist, join this "Fellowship of Christian Stewards" as tithers or proportionate givers. The great day of dedication should be Pentecost Sunday. We desire to send the results to our state secretary and to the Crusade office.

HONOR ROLL

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harris, Miss Mildred Harman, Miss Mabel Haynes, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mr. and Mrs. Merland Heller, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hiler, Mrs. James Hirschy, Miss Sally Hirschy, Mrs. David Hogg, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hopkins, Mrs. F. O. Hoover, Miss Kathryn Hoover, Miss Mildred Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Mrs. Oscar Isay, Rev. Richard Jones, Miss Elaine Jones, Miss Helen Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. John Juday, Mrs. Ella King, Mr. Robert Kinnaman, Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Kirby, Mr. V. C. Knight, Mrs. J. C. Koegel, Mrs. Ray Koster, Mrs. Cora Kover, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Kreps, Mr. C. A. Lehneke, Miss Donna Leverage, Mrs. Emily Lowman, Mrs. J. A. Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCarel, Mrs. C. R. McMaken, Mr. and Mrs. Collins Mannan, Mrs. Beatrice Michael, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn M. Miller, Miss Ruby Whisman, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moffitt, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Munson, Miss Dorothy Murphy, Mrs. Cora Nowells, Mrs. Margaret Owen. (To be continued.)

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Bible Class will meet with Mrs. Joseph Siples, 1127 Charlotte St., Friday evening, May 7th at 8:00 p. m.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Martha Circle will meet at the church Thursday afternoon, May 6, at 2:15 p. m. Mrs. H. E. Greenwood will give a paper on "Christian Welfare." Will the members make a special effort to be present and bring a guest.

The Rachel Circle will meet with Mrs. Clyde Driver, 2316 S. Clinton St., on Tuesday afternoon, May 4th. Mrs. David Hogg will review the book, "Laughing Through Glory." Mrs. Sigrist will give the devotions.

The Ruth Circle will meet with Mrs. J. C. Koegel, 1222 W. Jefferson St., Tuesday afternoon, May 4. Mrs. Amy Shawhan will have devotions. There will be a musical program.

The Naomi Circle will meet with Mrs. Herschel Bailey, on the Bluffton Rd., Wednesday afternoon, May 5th. Mrs. Elmer Braun will have the devotions and Mrs. Dale Hiler will give a paper on "The Christian Home."

The Dorcas Circle will meet with Mrs. Dale Parkerson, 3216 Crescent Ave., Thursday afternoon, May 6th. Mrs. Joe W. Clark will assist the hostess. The program will be a Round-Table discussion on "The Christian Home."

ILLNESS

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kerr are at home with chicken pox.

ELDER'S SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 2, Robert E. Clipp, Albert Egly; May 9, Owen Vaught, Walter C. Birkhold; May 16, B. W. Leverage, Joseph M. Fitch; May 23, J. Z. Berlien, Dr. A. C. Worley; May 30, Robert Clipp, Alex. M. Campbell.

DEACONS SERVING IN MAY

Dale Hiler, Captain, H-79693, Delmas Young, H. K. Pritchard, J. W. Haffner, R. J. Rousseau, H. M. Flowers, Sherman Myers, Don J. Eyer.

OFFICIAL BOARD

Official Board meeting Wednesday May 5th at 8:00 p. m.



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SUNDAY IS MOTHER'S DAY

WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: Are You Unimportant?

Preacher: Our Pastor

MOTHER'S DAY CLIMAXES FAMILY WEEK

The Social Room overflowed last Sunday evening at our Family night. Thanks go to Mrs. H. W. Sigrist and Mrs. Clyde Driver and their committee who served as hostesses. Those who participated on the program gave us a fine evening of fun, fellowship and inspiration, and magical tricks.

This Sunday the High School young people will have a flower for every mother who comes to church. Many of the classes are having their mothers as special guests on Sunday. Mrs. Adam Ragan, Young People's honored mother is helping.

The Junior Choir will appear for the first time in their red robes. These young people have been faithfully practicing every Saturday for this event and will occupy the choir loft this Sunday, opening the service with a processional. The choir will be directed by Miss Anita Fitch. These young people come from our Junior and Intermediate departments.

Be At Church On Time and enjoy The Service: Art Souvenir Orders of Worship.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Teachers and officers of our Church School are prepared to welcome you next Sunday. In spite of bad weather, our Sunday School was larger last Sunday. Our people respond. And we ought to come. These are days when religious education is being threatened. Keep our Children in the Church School and come yourselves. No matter what the weather, be in your place Sunday.

Our Softball Team will have its first game on May 18th. Collins Mannan is setting his team into good shape for this first encounter. Any who are interested in playing on the team should get in touch with him or one of the members of the team.

SUNDAY, MAY 16TH — 2:30 P.M.

A meeting has been called for Sunday afternoon at 2:30 P.M. for those who are members of the larger committee and for members of the church to consider plans for our new church building. Especially those who have made pledges or have donated on the building program are asked to be present. An expert on church buildings will be here for conference.



The Festival Tithe

There were three great annual feasts. They were pilgrimage festivals held in Jerusalem following the barley harvest, the wheat harvest, and after all the grain and fruits were gathered. They lasted as long as eight days, and were of a religious, patriotic and social nature, corresponding to our church conferences today. A second tithe was set apart for this purpose, a sort of vacation savings fund to be spent for anything that might be desired. The only requirement was that the Levites must be included, since they had no income. This tithe was to meet a specific need, and ceased with the doing away with the festivals. Thus God not only provided for three vacation periods during the long summers, but gave a definite plan for financing them.

"Thou shalt surely tithe all the increase of thy seed, that cometh forth from the field year by year. And thou shalt eat before Jehovah thy God, in the place where he shall choose (Jerusalem), to cause his name to dwell there, the tithe of thy grain, of thy new wine, and thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herd and of thy flock; that thou mayest learn to fear Jehovah thy God always. And if the way be too far from thee . . . then thou shalt turn it into money, . . . and thou shalt bestow the money for whatsoever thy soul desireth, . . . and thou shalt eat before Jehovah thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou and thy household. And the Levite that is within thy gates, thou shalt not foresake him, for he hath no portion nor inheritance with thee".—Deut. 14:22-27.

Everlasting Mercy

*"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good:
for his mercy endureth for ever . . . Oh that men
would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for
his wonderful works to the children of men!"*

—Psalm 107:1,15



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CHRISTIANIZING THE WORLD

We call it evangelism. We must work at it at our home base, here in Fort Wayne; we must encourage the cause everywhere. The following news item informs us that Christians are working at it in Germany:

Training Ten Thousand Laymen

The German Churches are in the midst of the thrilling task of training 10,000 lay religious instructors over a period of two years. These instructors, or "catechists" as they are called, will undertake the training of children in the Christian faith and practice under the direct supervision of the church. About 2500 of these laymen were trained last year and the process is gathering great momentum. The program is directly supported by the "Evangelisches Hilswerk" and the World Council of Churches through whose agencies comes financial help and supplies of elementary foodstuffs and of literature for the conduct of the courses and the instruction of the children.

HONOR ROLL

(These people have their church pledge paid in full for first quarter): Mrs. E. T. Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parkerson, Mrs. Alpha Piercy, Mrs. Lois Piher, Miss Margaret Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Pribble, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. Adan Ragan, Miss Betty Ragan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl, Mrs. Rosella Randolph, Mrs. Mallie Riedt, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Richard, Mrs. Jessie Richwine, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Phillip Ripple, Mrs. Harold Roberts, Mrs. Geo. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Robinson, Mrs. F. H. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Rousseau, Mr. W. W. Rousseau, Mrs. Olive Roy, Mr. James Rupel, Miss Edna Saxon, Mrs. Millie Scherrer, Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, Miss Dona Schrecongost, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schrecongost, Mrs. Lillian Scott, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Semones, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Sentman, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sharp, Mrs. Amy Shawhan, Mrs. Estella Shockey, Mr. and Mrs. James Shockey, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Miss Sarah Shroyer, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Mr. and Mrs. Jos Siples, Mr. and Mrs. Arza Smith, Mr. P. H. Somers, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stevenson, Miss Hazel Swinehart, Mrs. Roger Symms, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stafford. (To be continued).

PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Class will have a party on Friday evening, May 7, at 6:00 P.M. at the church. Bring your table service and a covered dish.

EVENING GUILD

The Evening Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Robinson, 1156 W. Packard Ave., Monday, May 10, at 8 P.M. Mrs. David Hogg will review the book, "Laughing into Glory", and Miss Leah Miller will have the devotions.

COME DOUBLE CLASS

The Come Double Class will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis, 1101 W. Packard Ave., Friday, May 14th, at 8:00 P.M. Mr. Davis will show colored film of their trip to California.

STATE CONVENTION

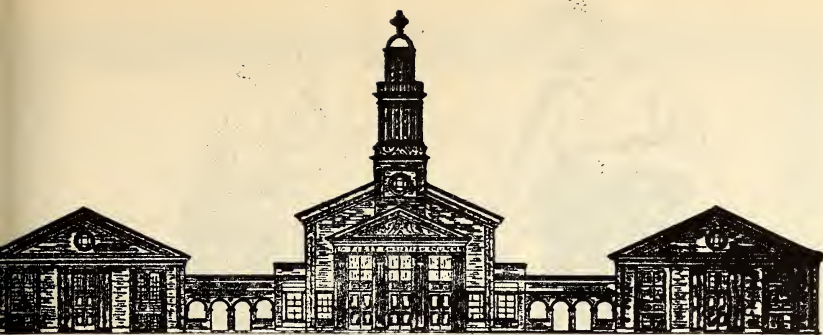
At Marion, May 20-23. Keep this date in mind. Pre-registration blanks are in the office.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

To be held in San Francisco this next October. We have pre-registration blanks and room reservation blanks in the office. Make your reservations early. Call the office for any information about the Convention.

JUNIOR CHOIR ROBES

The cloth for the new robes for our Junior Choir was purchased by the church—the women of our church have done the sewing and fitting of these robes. The cost of the material was around \$117. Look at these lovely young people next Sunday. You will want to have a share in the cost of this project. If so bring your gift with you.



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SUNDAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY

WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: Does Your Religion Get You Nowhere?

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

All those desirous of going to conference this summer, should see Mr. Leversee as soon as possible.

EVANGELISM VISITATION — MAY 24 & 25th

The evangelism committee is working toward a follow-up program for Monday and Tuesday, May 24th and 25th. If you know those who should be seen, please notify the office or give the names to Floyd Morrical or J. M. Fitch. You may also call names into the church office.

MAY BREAKFAST

The Woman's Council will hold its annual May Breakfast on Tuesday, May 18 at 10 o'clock at the Church. The program is under the direction of the Missionary Department of the Council, Mrs. Charles Dare, Chairman. Mrs. Dare has secured Mrs. Donald A. McGavran, missionary in India, now in the United States on furlough, who will speak to us at the breakfast. Mrs. D. T. Shaw will have charge of the devotions.

We shall have special music. Mrs. William Robinson will sing, accompanied by Mrs. Marcella Talbot.

Those preparing breakfast are: Mrs. Leo Miller, Chairman; Mrs. J. C. Koegel, Mrs. Don J. Eyer, Mrs. Arza Smith, Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, Miss Mabel Haynes, Miss Harriet Treace and Mrs. George M. Frost.

The Committee in charge of refreshments will appreciate it if the **chairmen of circles will call** in the number who will attend from their groups. Call Mrs. Leo Miller, H-76119 or Mrs. J. C. Koegel, A-79025. All members and friends of the Church are invited.

CHAIRMEN, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF YOUR GROUP



THE POOR TITHE

Some think that this was a third tithe. The evidence of scripture, however, seems to show that it was simply a charity provision that was later added to the second, or festival, tithe. Every third year the vacation festivals were to be held at home. The sojourners, orphans and widows, as well as the Levites, were to share with them. This was no doubt the forerunner of the care for their own for which the Jewish people have long been noted. Thus this came to be known as the Poor Tithe. It too was of a temporary nature and ceased with the doing away of the feasts.

"At the end of every three years, thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase in the same year, and shalt lay it up within the gates: and the Levite, because he hath no portion nor inheritance with thee, and the sojourner, and the fatherless, and the widow that are within thy gates shall come and be satisfied; that Jehovah thy God may bless thee in all the work of thy hand which thou doest."—Deut. 14:28-29.

Abundant Pardon

"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."—Isaiah 55:6-7



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MRS. DONALD A. MCGAVRAN

Mrs. Donald A. McGavran, with her husband, has been a missionary in India representing the Disciples of Christ since 1923. She is now in the United States for regular furlough but expects to return to that work.

For practically all the years they have served in India, the McGavrans have lived and worked among the villagers who make up the major portion of the population. Mrs. McGavran has acquired a fluent use of Hindi and the dialects. During the last seven years, Mrs. McGavran has given particular interest to village girls and young women who, on becoming Christian, must leave their homes. In connection with her own home, Mrs. McGavran has conducted a dormitory for girls until they enter the Missions schools or make other arrangements. Mrs. McGavran is a native of Indiana, and a graduate of Butler University and College of Missions, Indianapolis.

JUNIOR CHOIR ROBES

\$75.60 was given last Sunday on the cost of choir robes for our Junior Choir. The materials for these robes cost around \$7.00 per robe. The choir is hopeful the many more will desire to contribute. You may mail your contribution or drop it on the collection plate next Sunday.

We were all pleased with our girls and boys in the choir last Sunday. They did beautifully and deserve our support.

NEW MATRON'S GROUP IN COUNCIL

"Rebecca" is the name adopted for the young matrons' circle which has just been organized. The officers elected are Mrs. Herbert C. Banet, president; Mrs. Raymond Baskin, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Rayl, secretary, and Mrs. J. L. Presnell is treasurer. Mrs. L. A. Sentman is the sponsor for this new circle. The first meeting of this group was held at the home of Mrs. Herman W. Sigrist on Friday, May the seventh. Mrs. Sigrist is president of The Woman's Council.

HONOR ROLL

Mrs. Merl Teeters, Mrs. Louise Ternet, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tharp, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hugh Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Tracey, Miss Harriet Treace, Mr. and Mrs. U. Earl Treace, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Verner, Mr. and Mrs. David S. Vesey, Mr. and Mrs. J. Edw. Weicker, Mrs. Chas. B. Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson, Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Worley, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yentes, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Yoquelet, Mr. and Mrs. Bret Young, Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Young, Sylvan Young.

IN SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Shively and family in the recent death of Mr. Shively's mother, Mrs. W. B. Shively. Mrs. Shively was a loyal member of this Church for many years.

ILLNESS

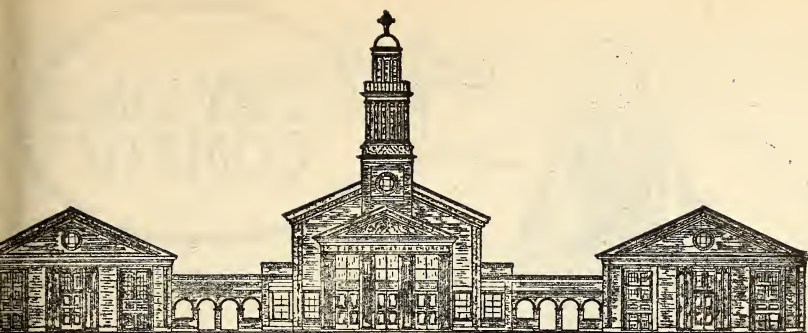
Mr. Ronald Rodgers is carrying a broken arm as a result of a fall last week.

109th STATE CONVENTION OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

At Marion, May 20-23. Registration fee \$1.00. Pre-registration enrollment card are in the Office. There will be cars going to Marion each day. Anyone wishing to attend please call the office. The Youth Convention sessions will be held on Saturday, the 22nd. Rev. Beck will give the devotions on Saturday.

1948 GRADUATES

We wish to recognize the young people from our Church families who are graduating from High School this year. Will you please call your name in to the office as soon as possible.



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MORNING WORSHIP 10:30

Sermon: "Misusing One's Assets"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Our choir is growing and showing increasing interest. Each Sunday a fine message in song is brought by this organization. We appreciate the number of our people who come to church on time each Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Children's Day will occur two weeks from next Sunday. The Children's department is anxious to have the pupils on time these next two Sundays when final preparations will be made for their service on June the 8th.

The Service for blessing the Children will occur at the Morning Worship Service on that Sunday. Parents desiring to have their children at that service should let the office know as soon as possible.

LAST CALL TO OUR STATE CONVENTION

The 109th Convention of our churches in Indiana will convene on May 20th at Marion, Indiana. You are especially reminded of the program for Friday and Saturday. Young people in our church will attend Saturday's program. On Sunday afternoon about 4:30 the Corner-stone will be laid at the Emily E. Flinn Home for Aged Women, 615 W. 12th Street. Our pastor will have charge of devotions on Saturday at 9:30 o'clock.

C.Y.F. 6:00 P.M.

The Young people will meet and will talk over their experiences at the State Convention.

UNION MEETING 7:30 P.M.

At St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church

Dr. Herman F. Reissig of the World Council of Churches, will address a meeting of members from the Associated Churches. He will inform us about the World Conference at Amsterdam. Our people ought to know about this. Our pastor will put on the program.

OUR NEW CHURCH

Mr. David H. Williams, Jr., one of the outstanding architects of our day, visited our church last Sunday. He concurred with the opinion of many of the prominent citizens of Fort Wayne in saying, "That we had a most unusual and strategic location for our new church." He predicted a rapid growth when the congregation was able to meet in the new church. He said not more than one church out of a hundred would have such an opportunity in the size of the tract for the building of an attractive modern church.



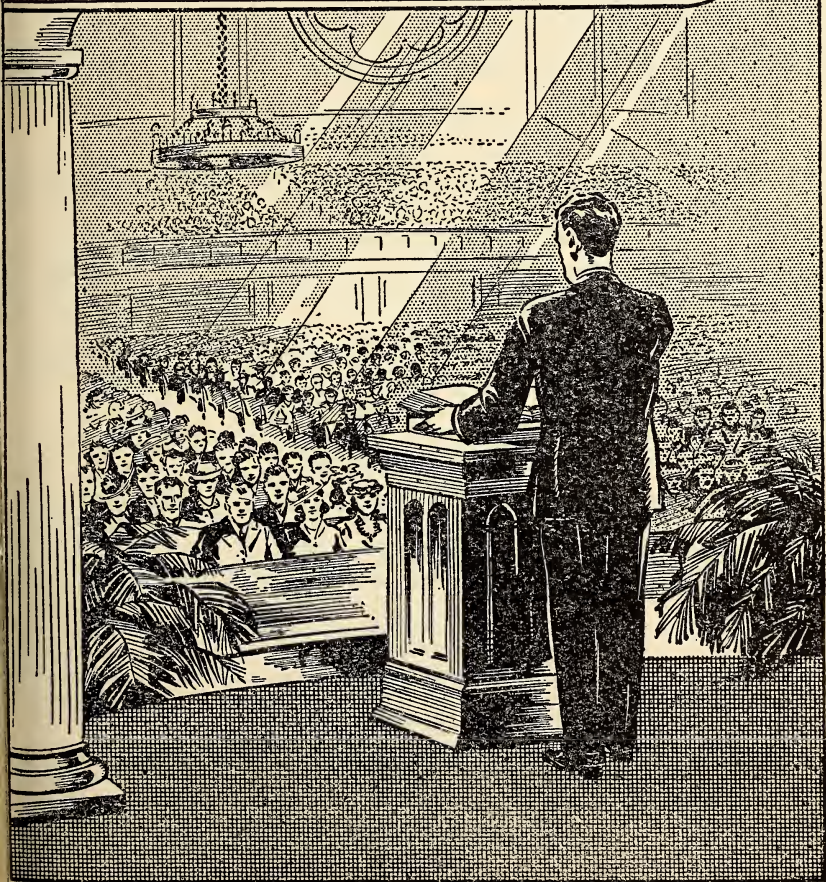
THE TITHE IN MALACHI

Malachi is not the "swan song" of the old dispensation, but a message of preparation for the Christian era. Through neglect of worship, Israel had broken fellowship with God. This resulted in a loss of reverence for His name and His house. God even wished that someone would close the door of His sanctuary. They were then told of the coming Messiah and the appeal is made that they return unto Him in preparation for the advent. This return is to begin by the bringing in of the "tithes and offerings". A promise of material blessing and the restoration of sonship is made. It is worthy to note that everything hinged on paying of the tithe.

"Behold, I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant, whom ye desire, behold he cometh, sayeth Jehovah of hosts. . . . Return unto me, and I will return unto you, sayeth Jehovah of hosts. But ye say, wherein shall we return? . . . Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and prove me now herewith, sayeth the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, that there be not room enough to receive it. . . . And they shall be mine, in the day that I make; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him."—Malachi 3:1,7,10,17.

Our Source of Strength

"He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."—Isaiah 40:29-31



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FINANCING OUR CHURCH

It would be nice, one might think, if some one or two individuals would underwrite the cost of our new church. But after reflection most thoughtful people would agree that it would be far better for our 400 FAMILIES to assume their share of such a great project. Only about once in a lifetime comes the opportunity to have a part in building a church edifice that may stand for a hundred years or more. TALK THIS OVER in your family circle. The building of a new church can be one of the finest experiences in the lifetime of an individual and can unite whole families in a most fascinating Christian project.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Women of the Council are requested to register at the Matson Paint and Wallpaper Company, 1211 S. Calhoun St., any time during the day on the 26th or 27th of May. Should 25 women register the Council will receive \$5.00 as a gift. Take along a vase or bottle and, as a souvenir, the company will paint it for you. REMEMBER THE DATES — MAY 26 and 27.

NEWS ITEMS — BIRTH

On April 19, 1948, Connie came to live with Mr. and Mrs. Tyrus Nelson, Blue Field, W. Va. We wish to congratulate her parents. Mrs. Nelson will be remembered to Beth Rousseau.

SOFTBALL TEAM

The First Christian Softball team will play the Third Presbyterian team Tuesday, May 25 at 6:30 P.M. at MacMillan Park. Collins Mannan, Manager.

ILLNESS

Mr. G. C. Cahow is ill at his home, 1629 High St.
Mrs. Robert Beck and Martha Jeannette have both been ill at home.
Let us keep these folk in mind when we pray.

MAY BREAKFAST

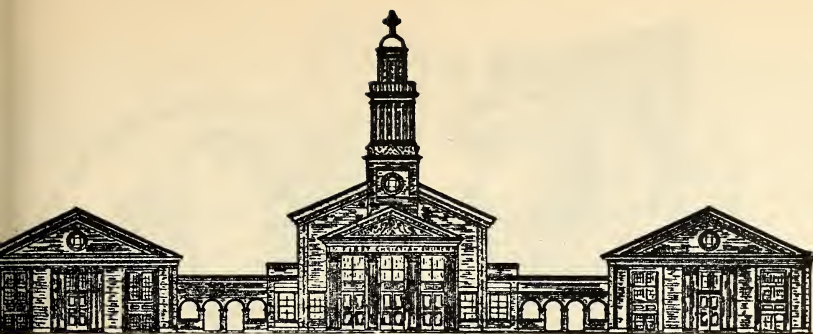
Over 60 attended the May Breakfast held in the Social Room of the Church by the Woman's Council. Commitment cards, calling for prayer and petition, for world peace will be made available to our women. These will be sent to the New York office of the National organization of the Women's Council. They will then be sent on to the President of the United States. A million women are expected to be enlisted in this program.

Mrs. Don McGavran gave a vivid and inspiring description of her work among the Outcasts in India. She mentioned how out of this group one of the most eminent surgeons in all India was developed from their Mission School. Dr. McGavran will teach in the College of the Bible in Lexington and Dr. and Mrs. McGavran will leave for India this fall to resume their work.

THE RADIO COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATED CHURCHES ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING NEW FEATURE:

"BUILDING FOR PEACE" over WKJG every Sunday evening 10:15-10:30 P.M. for the next six weeks, beginning May 16th.

These authentic dramatizations of the work of Protestant and Orthodox churches in relief and reconstruction are produced by Church World Service with short tales by Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, Bishop Edward L. Parson and Dr. Samuel MacCavert. The dramatic stars are Ingrid Bergman, Raymond Edward Johnson, Juan Hernandez, Esther Sondergaard and House Jameson.



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SUNDAY IS "MEMORIAL DAY"

Morning Worship — 10:30 A. M.

Sermon: Our Country and The Things That Hold Us Together. Speaker: Our Pastor

This Memorial Sunday should mean much. On this occasion when we remember our heroic dead, the church is the one institution that holds hope and comfort. Come hear our pastor on this Sunday. Our Choir is preparing music for Sunday—special music. Our choir has been doing exceptionally good work these last Sundays.

Organ Prelude 10:25—Come early and receive full benefit which can come only through full participation.

Church School — 9:30 A. M.

One week from Sunday our children will bring their Children's Day Message before the whole school at 9:30 A. M.

The Service for Blessing the Children will be held at the Worship Service on June 6th.

There are a goodly number preparing for Summer Conference and intermediate camp. There is still opportunity for others. See Mr. Leversee if you are interested in Camp or Conference this summer.

Our Soft Ball team won their first game. Look in newspaper for time and place of games.

MEN'S FORUM

Ladies' Night Second Sunday

The Men will prepare dinner and present a most interesting program for the ladies on the second Sunday in June. Tickets will be made available this Sunday. Cecil Rice is in charge of ticket sales. Don Eyer is the president.

The New Church

There is a sustained and growing interest in the program for our new Church. Our officers have been taking time and care to be sure that every detail is carefully worked out. One year ago we had our first campaign for Funds looking

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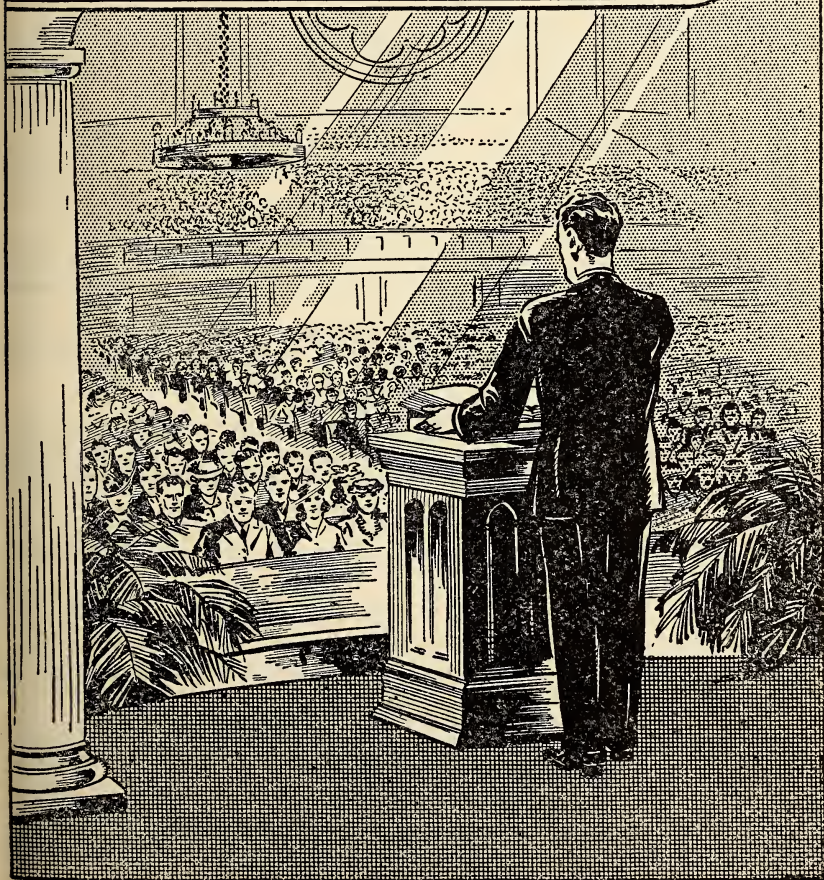


Tithe and Taxes

There are those who confuse the tithe with taxes, thinking the tithe took care of both. The Scripture teaching, however, shows them to be distinct and separate. In Exodus 30:16, we read of a poll tax of a half shekel on rich and poor. Samuel warned that Saul, as king, would demand "one-tenth of all the seed and flocks," in addition to other levies (I Sam. 8:14-17). Later (10:27), we read of a revolt against the payment of this tax. While under Rehoboam they pleaded for lighter taxes. Heavy taxes were laid upon them by the Assyrians (II Kings 15:20), by the Persians (Neh. 5:4-5), and by the Romans. In fact, Jesus was born in Bethlehem, while Mary and Joseph were there to re-enroll in response to the decree of Caesar Augustus that the tax lists must be brought up to date. Moreover, Jesus paid tribute at Capernaum (Matt. 17:24-27). And, when the Herodians asked Him, "Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?", He said unto them, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's". (Mark 12:13-17). Thus we see that the tithe and the taxes were not identical at any time of history. The paying of the one never offset the paying of the other. In fact, the Jew paid "tithes," "tributes," "taxes" and "tolls," perhaps at times one-half of his entire income. And part of the time it was undoubtedly a great deal more than half. Yet, in addition to all this, he gave liberally through the offerings. In the light of these facts, our obligation to the State today does not offer a legitimate excuse from paying a tithe to God.

“Bless the Lord”

“Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name . . . For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him . . . Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.—Psalm 103:1,11,22



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The New Church

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directly toward a new church building. Architects have submitted suggestions and the whole field is being carefully explored. And now we have one of the finest locations in the city. The highest spot in Fort Wayne, on Calhoun Street, will set off our new building to fine advantage, as well as making it available by traction or by car. Every architect with whom the committee has spoken has had high praise for this new setting.

The Expansion Committee recognizing with appreciation the amount that has been paid into the Building Fund, urge our subscribing members to keep their payments, so that we may have the most possible when construction of the new church begins.

The Christian's "Last Will and Testament"

One of our leading churches speaks, in their church bulletin, on the above subject.

This bulletin says a Christian Will will be first an expression of the Spirit of Christ. There will be no lingering antagonisms, no hatred set down on paper, but a tender concern for ALL who should be remembered. Second the Christian Will will include the work of Christ, His Church. Whether large or small amount, the last message of every Christian should make provision for continuing the cause of Christ's Church. Ten dollars is not too few. A million dollars is not too much. THIRD, a Christian Will will record the interest of a Christian person in the Christian enterprise. Money, real estate or securities may be left to the trustees of this congregation to be administered as part of the benevolent and mission work of the church.

A suggested form is as follows: "I will, give, bequeath, devise to The First Christian Church, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, the sum of Dollars and the receipt of the Treasurer of said church shall be sufficient discharge of the same to my executor."

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Bible Class will meet with Mrs. C. R. McMaken, 3022 South Wayne Avenue, Friday evening, June 4th.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Dorcas group will meet with Mrs. Paul Whitton, 608 E. Creighton, on Thursday, June 3rd. Mrs. Robert Truelove will assist the hostess. Mrs. Joe W. Clark will have the devotions. Mrs. L. S. Sentman will lead the discussion on, "The Christian Home"

The Martha Group will meet at the Church on Thursday, June 3rd.

The Naomi Group will have a Pot-luck at the home of Mrs. J. Fred Smell, 1912, Maumee Rd., Wednesday, June 2nd at 1:00 P. M.

The Rachel Group will have a Pot-luck at the home of Mrs. Joseph Siples, 111 Charlotte St., Tuesday, June 8th at 12:30 P. M. Mrs. J. M. Miller will give devotion. Mrs. H. E. Greenwood will be guest speaker.

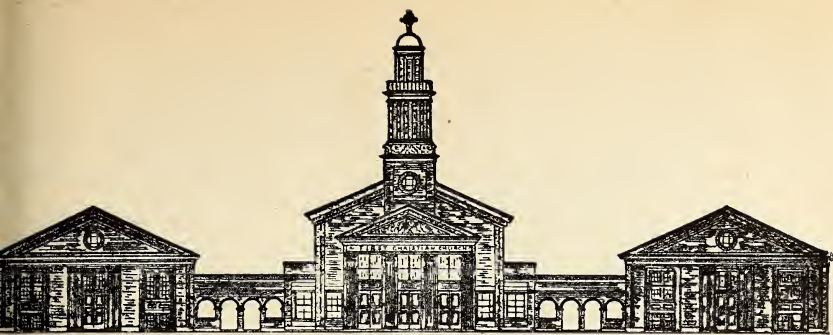
The Ruth Group will meet with Mrs. Mae Sheline, 4125 Warsaw St., Tuesday, June 1st.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

The First Christian Team will play First Evangelical Team, June 1, at 7:45 P. M. at West Swinney Park. June 8, at 7:45 P. M. at West Swinney Park, First Christian will play Forest Park Methodist. June 15, at 6:30 P. M. at Hamilton Park, First Christian will play Crescent Ave. Evangelical. June 22, at 9:00 P. M. at West Swinney Park, it will be First Christian vs South Wayne Baptist. June 29, at 7:45 P. M. at Hamilton Park, it will be First Christian vs First Methodist.

ILLNESS

Miss Esther Price, 1201 Fulton St., is a patient at home recovering from a major operation. Best wishes of the Church go to Miss Price.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A. M.

SERMON: "If We're To Be Secure"

Preacher, Robert T. Beck

Our choir has been making a fine contribution to our worship. Excellent music is promised for this next Sunday. When we worship God we should bring our best. In our thinking, in our attitudes, and in our songs of praise. It is gratifying to see how appreciative our people are. One worshipper said last Sunday, "The last few months here in First Christian Church's worship services have meant much to my spiritual life." Come prepared to sing and to think with our minister as he brings his message.

Service for Blessing Children

Parents with small children are invited to bring them to the morning service next Sunday. They will come at 11:15 to the church office where necessary papers will be filled out. At the conclusion of the general service as the organ plays Brahms, "Lullaby," parents will bring their children forward for the Blessing Service. A beautiful certificate will be given parents and a red rose to each mother. Mrs. Walter Birkhold will have charge of the arrangements. The minister will appreciate it if parents will notify either Mrs. Birkhold or the church office.

Children's Day Program — 9:30 A. M.

Children's Day will be observed next Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The various department heads and teachers have prepared a program whereby our children will share with the church some of their work and experiences. Songs will be sung and descriptions given of our missionary work. The Junior choir will again appear in this program. Adults are asked to encourage our children by being present this Sunday.

Our offering this Sunday goes to our Foreign Missions.

Attention — Ladies!!!

The Men's Forum is planning a fine dinner for the ladies on Sunday, June 13. Our minister is heading the Food Committee. This raises a big question. It can only be answered by the old formula, "Tasting of the pudding is the proof thereof". Ladies — see that your husband has a ticket for this Annual dinner which is put on by our Men's Forum. The price is \$1.25 for one ticket, \$2.00 for two tickets.



CHRIST AND THE TITHE

He paid the tithe. The Pharisees, who constantly sought to entrap Jesus, were meticulous in keeping the law of the tithe. Had He not paid it, they would have undoubtedly accused Him of robbing God. This question, however, was never raised. This is in strict accord with His declaration, "I came not to destroy the law, but to fulfill it". Moreover, when He rebuked them for neglecting the more important things of the law, He hastened to add that they were not to leave tithe-paying undone.

He has a right to receive the tithe. The writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews gives an entire chapter to the superiority of Jesus, our High Priest, to Melchizedek, the Priest King. The greatness of the old priesthood is evidenced by its right to receive tithes, which are mentioned eight times in nine verses. But Jesus is greater than Melchizedek. If men, therefore, paid tithes to the lesser, shall they not pay them to Him who is greater than all, since He ever lives. And, since Melchizedek was worthy to receive the tithe in the old dispensation, surely Jesus is rightfully receiving them in the new.

"Now consider how great this man (Melchizedek) was, unto whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth out of the chief spoils. And they indeed of the sons of Levi that receive the priest's office have commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law. . . . And here men that die receive tithes; but there One (receives tithes), of whom it is written that He liveth".—Hebrews 7:4, 5, 8.



Our Saviour

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."—Isaiah 53:4-6

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Building for Tomorrow

Our Church, as we plan for tomorrow, must keep in mind our children. Our new church building must be not only pleasing to the adults but must be the best possible for our children and youth. Scientific studies have been made as to the necessary space for each child in a room if the best educational processes are to be used. According to these studies there must be 27 square feet for each child in the Nursery and Cradle Roll. There must be 18 square feet for each child in the Beginners and Primary, Junior and Intermediate rooms. There should be at least 10 square feet for those above the Intermediate grade.

The building of a church for modern educational program requires study and careful planning. The best judgement of all of our people should be pooled and then this turned over to experts to evaluate and make recommendations. This is exactly what our church committee for our new building hopes to do. The Expansion Committee appreciates the regularity with which pledges are being paid and urges all of us to keep up the payments so we may have as large a resource as possible when actual construction begins.

Elders Serving in June

June 6—John F. Davis, Owen Vaught
June 13—Hugh D. Rice, Albert Egly
June 20—Harry G. Hiler, Walter C. Birkhold
June 27—Alexander M. Campbell, Joseph M. Fitch

Deacons Serving in June

Arza Smith, Captain H-15765; Kenneth Lytle, Joseph W. Clark, Orville Miller, Herbert C. Banet, Earl T. Fusselman, Glenn R. Miller, Floyd E. Morrical.

Official Board

The Official Board will meet Wednesday, June 9, at 8:00 P.M. at the Church.

Woman's Council

The Esther Group will meet Tuesday, June 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of M. Adam Ragan, 133 E. Wallace Street. There will be a guest speaker.

The Rebecca Group, (Young Matrons) will meet with Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, 23 S. Webster St. Friday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. David Hogg will review the book "Laughing Into Glory" and Mrs. Raymond Baskin will give the devotions.

Friendly Class

The Friendly Bible Class will meet with Mrs. C. R. McMaken, 3022 South Wayne Ave., Friday evening, June 4th.

Illness

Mrs. George Malcom has undergone a major operation at the Methodist Hospital. She is in room 606. At this writing she was doing nicely.

Mr. G. C. Cahow remains ill at his home, 1629 High Street.

Mrs. Betty Bodkin is in the Methodist Hospital in room 401.

We wish to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Bodkin on the birth of Barbara Jo June 1st.

Sympathy

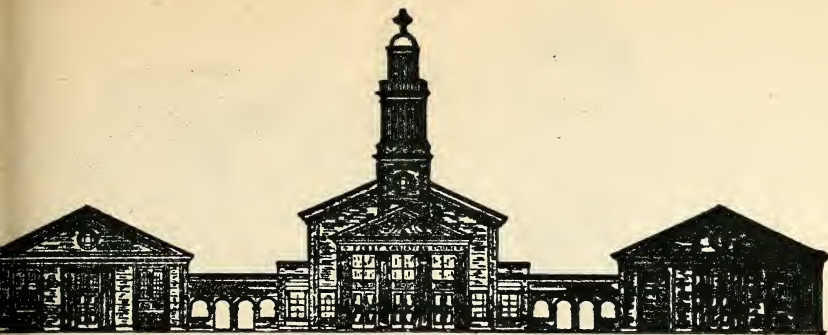
Sympathy is extended to Paul and Allen Garee in the death of their father on June 1. Several months ago, Mr. Garee made the confession of His Master and received his first communion. Many in our church remember Mrs. Garee as one of our most faithful members.

Notes

Mrs. C. D. Palmer's mother, Mrs. Barr will be away for the summer. We will miss her and hope she will enjoy her vacation.

Mrs. Albert Egly, D.D.S. will return to Fort Wayne this week, after spending the winter in Arizona. Mrs. Egly will attend the reunion of her class at the School of Dentistry of the University of Michigan, on June 11 at Ann Arbor.

Our pastor has spoken recently before the Friday Forum Club, the Fort Wayne Real Estate Board and the Kiwanis Club.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A. M.

SERMON: "The Good In Religion"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A. M.

Keep up your attendance during the summer months.

Men's Forum

LADIES' NIGHT

Sunday 6:30 P. M.

The Men of the Church are Planning a wonderful evening for their ladies.

The dinner will be prepared and served by the men of the Church
—an excellent menu has been arranged

The program of the evening will be filled with inspiration, good music and fine fellowship.

Dudley W. Horth, district head of the F. B. I., will be the speaker of the evening. This will be a very enlightening address.

Barbershop Quartette will bring enlivening music of a popular nature. Miss Mardell Fisher and Miss Eileen Mentzer will present several beautiful duets on the piano and marimba.

The food committee consists of Robert T. Beck, our pastor, chairman, Hugh Rice, Clay Orchard, Glenn Miller and Martin Brudi. They will be assisted by Luther Stafford, William Robinson, Robert H. Hill, Roger Symms, Dale Parkerson, Sherman Meyers, Clayton Yoquelet, Dale Hiler, Myron Cole, Fred Smell, Henry Flowers, Arthur Davis Collins Mannan, Arza Smith, Allen Bell, Marvin Crouse, Grant T. Munson and R. E. Working.

The decoration of the tables will be supervised by Mrs. Joe Clark.

The officers of the Men's Forum are Don Eyer, president, Arthur Davis, vice-president, Dale Hiler, secretary-treasurer.

BUILDING A CHURCH

The end of religion is to make men aware of God. There are many circumstances under which this has been accomplished. Paul on the road to Damascus, became aware of Jesus. Moses heard God's voice through the burning bush.

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GET YOUR TICKET AT ONCE FOR LADIES' NIGHT



THE TITHE IN THE EARLY CHURCH

In writing to the Corinthian Church, Paul declared that God has ordained that the Christian ministry shall be supported out of the tithes in the Christian era just as were the Levites in Old Testament times. This would seem to indicate quite clearly that the tithe is binding upon the Christian Church. That the tithe was practiced by the early Christian Church is an historic fact. It was the support of their worship, their ministers and missionaries. Clement, Cyprian, Ambrose, Chrysostom, and Augustine laid great stress upon it. Ten Church Councils in the first nine hundred years required its payment. In fact, there is an unbroken record of tithe-paying for almost every decade since the founding of the Christian Church.

a. **The Levites:** "And unto the children of Levi, behold I have given all the tithe in Israel for an inheritance, in return for their service which they serve, even the service of the tent of meeting."—Numbers 18:21.

b. **The Christian ministry:** "Know ye not that they that minister about sacred things eat of the things of the temple, and they that wait upon the altar have their portion with the altar? Even so did the Lord ordain that they that proclaim the gospel should live of the gospel."—I Corinthians 9:13, 14.



Soul Satisfaction

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness."—Isaiah 55:1-2

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BUILDING A CHURCH (Continued from front page)

Some in the quiet of their souls. Others sense the voice of God in the roar of the thunder and some have read his words in the strata of the earth, others have heard God's message as the preacher spoke. There is not limit to the ways God may use to bring us a sense of His presence.

One of the natural ways to experience and express this sense of God's presence is found in buildings distinctly set off for religious purposes. So true is this that our richest architectural inheritance is found in temples erected to God from Greece to the present day. From the Orient to the West we behold man's finest skills revealed in buildings he has dedicated to diety and worship. Certain elements have persisted in these structures, which reveal the fundamental emotions in mankind.

In order to bring out the best in our new Church building, we need an architect well versed in the traditions of sacred buildings as well as one who is skilled in construction techniques. The expansion committee, as most everyone is aware has been exploring this field. They will bring to this task a long period of study that we may have the most skilled counsel in building our new church, sanctuary and educational building.

MEN'S FORUM

June 13, 1948

Men, once again you have the privilege of bringing your wives to the Forum. Let's all who possibly can, be there. Our dinner committee, headed by Rev. Beck, is going all out to prepare a delicious dinner. Get your tickets from Cecil Rice, Fred Smell or Delmas Young. If you haven't been contacted call one of these men and order a couple of tickets. This will be our last meeting until September 12, 1948. So let's all come out this time and have a rousing good time.

Respectfully, Don J. Eyer, President.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Executive of the Woman's Council will meet at 1:15 Tuesday, June 15. The regular meeting will follow at 2:15 P. M. Mrs. Charles Dare of the Martho Circle will have the devotions. Mrs. Mareem Major is to be our guest speaker. Her subject will be historical.

Presidents, please call your members. Let us have a large group out to welcome Mrs. Major.

EVENING GUILD

The Guild will meet with Misses Ethel and Sarah Shroyer, 1509 Hurd St. Monday, June 21st. Mrs. Edwin Geerken is in charge of the program and Miss Ernie Owen will give the devotions. Please note the change in date.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Ruth Anderson is convalescing in the Mayo Hospital at Rochester, where she underwent a major operation.

Mr. Hugh J. Tracey, 4111 Buell Dr. has undergone an operation. He is in room 220 Lutheran Hospital.

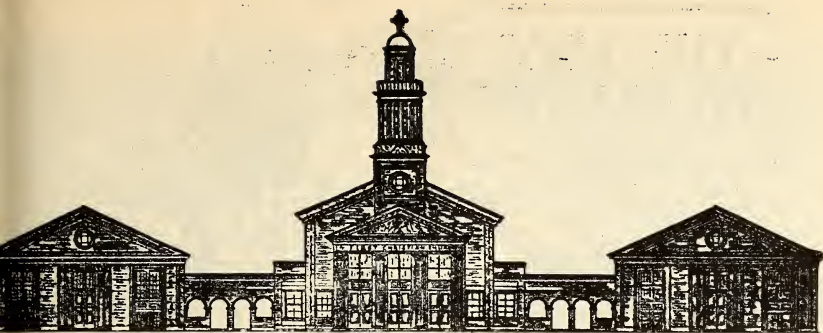
Robbin Miller has been ill with blood poisoning.

Master Orchard has been sick with ivy poisoning.

We will graciously remember these people in our prayers.

SERVICE FOR BLESSING THE BABIES

Those participating were: Karen Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Coffman; Karen Sue and Gary Eugene, children of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Simmons; Robert Donald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Miller; Marda Louise and David Thomas, children of Mr. and Mrs. Grant T. Munson; Dale Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cramer; Nelda Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Lucas; and Judith Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myron M. Cole.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: "A Faith For Today and Tomorrow."

Preacher, Our Pastor

This is the last Sunday our Choir will be in their place this summer. Be present and enter into the reverent atmosphere of our church worship.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Marilyn Crouse, Donna Leversee, Joyce Davis, Jimmie Davis, David Ellison and Gail Parsons represented our church at the Intermediate camp at Winona Lake.

Miss Ruby Whisman, teacher of our High School Group taught in our Young Peoples Conference at Lake Wawasee last week.

Our Softball team is making a good record. Support our team by attending the games. The next game will be played at Hamilton Park, June 29, between First Christian and First Methodist, at 7:45 P.M.

OUR CHURCH

Dr. Homer Carpenter, in an article that appeared in the Christian Evangelist, holds Worship as one, if not the most important, function of the church. An eminent observer declared, "The Church should be the most beautiful house in the Community."

It is said that the Lord, Himself, designed one Church, Solomon's Temple, and it has been called the most magnificent place of worship the world has ever seen.

How can this be done? To the woman who came to Christ, it was said, "Because she has been forgiven much, she loveth much."

In gratitude to God, people consecrate to His honor and service the best they can do in wood, brick or stone only wishing it were a thousand times better.

When a beautiful House of God is contemplated, there usually are those who cry, "why the waste", but they have Judas as both a warning and an example.

Everything cheap, gaudy, or tawdry should be avoided in a new church. While it is true, the church is a place where there are penitential tears, when one may hear the cry, "God be merciful to me a sinner", it is also a House of Gladness. "I was glad when they said, "let us go into the House of the Lord." Here glad tidings are proclaimed, fears dispelled and despondence is lost while a new trust and confidence possess the Soul.

Here in the Church, about Our Lord's Table, man and God meet face to face. To souls that have cried, "O that I knew where to find Him," will come the answer

"Here bring your wounded hearts
Here tell your anguish
Earth has no sorrow that
Heaven cannot cure."

THE WAY TO PLENTY



When the young man Hezekiah came to the throne of Israel, he became the successor of Ahaz, his father, who had looted the temple and turned the whole land over to idolatry. One of Hezekiah's acts was to open the doors of the house of God and repair them. He called upon the Levites to cleanse the temple and to restore the sacrifices. The Passover was kept and idolatry abolished. But the thing for which he will long be noted was his restoration of the tithe as a means of supporting the worship of God's house. In this the people of God were greatly blessed. Moreover, Hezekiah greatly prospered. The tithe seems to have been neglected for some time. But as the people became dishonest with God, they wandered farther and farther away from Him. Their worship became an empty mockery, and finally they ceased to worship at all. With the restoration of the tithe, however, they found a new joy and a new blessing. One cannot help but wonder why God should have preserved this story for us today, unless it is to show us the way to a deeper joy and blessing in His Worship by honestly bringing to Him that which is rightfully His.

"Hezekiah . . . in the first year of his reign, in the first month, commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and Levites, that they might give themselves to the law of Jehovah. And the children of Israel gave in abundance the first fruits of grain, new wine, and oil and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly . . . And Azariah the chief priest said, Since the people began to bring the oblations into the house of Jehovah, we have eaten and had enough, and that which is left is this great store". (II Chronicles 29:1-3, 31:4-6, 10).

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A CALL TO PRAYER



Universal Worship

"Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious . . . All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name."—Psalm 66:1,2,4

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With these experiences in mind, a great architect can design a sanctuary the Glory of God and for a refuge for men.
The time of building should prove a spiritual experience for every soul in the Church.

WANE Monday Through Saturday — 9:30 A.M.

Our pastor will be on the air every morning this next week. Tune in and hear this program.

OUR INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION — In San Francisco

Those planning a vacation would do well to choose September and include the International Convention. If interested get in touch with the Church office.

OUR BROTHERHOOD YEAR ENDS — June 30

We are asked to bring our pledges to date. The world is in need of Christian witness as never before, we can help by our giving.

WHEN ON VACATION

Make it a point when you are on vacation to go to church. Our pastor often receives cards or letters telling of the Services in other churches when our members are on vacation. This is most gratifying "Neglect not the assembling of yourselves together on the First Day of the Week as the habit of some is."

NOTES

Our pastor shared in the funeral service for Dr. W. W. Wright at Newcastle. Dr. Wright was chairman of the Board when Rev. Beck was pastor there. He and Mrs. Wright gave Hoffman's picture of "Rich Young Ruler," for our Victory Chapel. The funeral service was held last Saturday.

ILLNESS

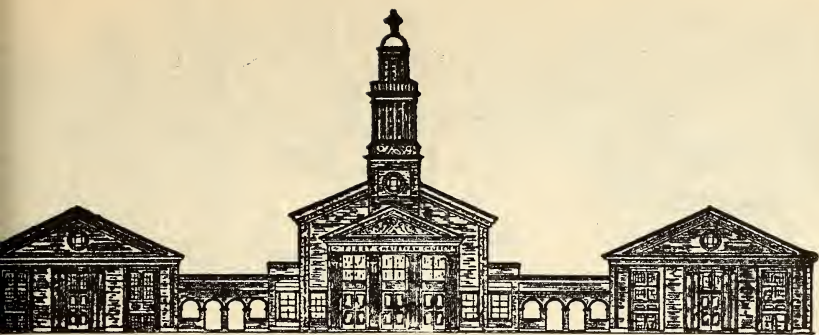
Mrs. Nettie Funk, 1209 Maumee, has been confined to her home.
Mr. Joseph M. Fitch is doing nicely after undergoing a major operation at the Lutheran Hospital.
Mr. Mallie Reidt, 606 E. Wayne was hurt, slightly, in an accident this week.
Miss Dorothy Murphy has returned home.
Miss Emma Dorris has been admitted to the Methodist Hospital.
Mrs. C. R. Sargent has been suffering from a fractured rib.

SYMPATHY

Miss Mildred Hartman's father passed away at Rosedale, Indiana. Our sympathy and prayers are for Miss Hartman in this hour of sorrow.

HONOR ROLL — Pledges Paid Up In Advance

Mr. Mrs. W. Anders, Mrs. Jeanette Barbier, Mrs. Alma Beck, Mr. Mrs. Robert Beck, Martha Jeannette Beck, Mr. Mrs. Alan Bell, Mrs. H. J. Bishop, Mr. Mrs. Vaughn Binkley, Mrs. E. E. Buchanan, Mr. Mrs. Virgil Buchanan, Mrs. Stella Burkhalter, Mr. Myona Binkley, Mr. Mrs. G. C. Cahow, Mrs. Wm. Coblenz, Mrs. Irene Cline, Mr. Emma Crabill, Mrs. Rhoda Depotty, Mrs. Ella Diss, Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Fitch Brothers, Mr. Mrs. J. M. Fitch, Mr. Mrs. Ellery Flaugh, Mr. Mrs. Frank Frame, Mr. Mrs. E. Harris, Miss Mildred Hartman, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mr. Mrs. R. R. Hopkins, Mr. Oscar Isay, Mrs. Ella King, Mr. V. C. Knight, Mrs. Ray Koster, Mrs. Cora Kovacs, Mr. Mrs. Geo. J. Krall, Mr. C. A. Lehneke, Miss Louise McGuire, Miss Marguerite McGuire, Mrs. Beatrice Michael, Miss Ruby Whisman, Mr. Mrs. Wm. Moffitt, Mr. Mrs. G. T. Munson, Miss Dorothy Murphy, Mrs. Margaret Owen, Mr. Mrs. C. Palmer, Mrs. Alpha Piercy, Mrs. Lois Pipher, Mr. Mrs. H. K. Pritchard, Mrs. Jesse Richwine, Mr. Mrs. Geo. P. Ripple, Mrs. Geo. C. Robinson, Mr. Mrs. F. Wayne Roseau, Miss Edna Saxon, Millie Scherrer, Mr. Mrs. C. J. Sharp, Mrs. Estella Shocke, Miss Sarah Shroyer, Mr. Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Mr. Mrs. Jos. Siples, Mr. Mrs. Chas. E. Tharp, Mr. Mrs. D. S. Vesey, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Worley, Mr. Mrs. Bret Young.



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**SUNDAY IS INDEPENDENCE DAY
MORNING WORSHIP — 10:15 A. M.**

SERMON: "When God's Light Breaks Through."

Preacher: Our Pastor

The Organ Prelude will begin at 10:10. Please note this time for the summer.

Never was it more necessary than today for Americans to define again the meaning of America. It would strengthen our patriotism to read again of the birth of our nation. A splendid article is in the July number of the Readers Digest. After you have done this. After you consider how men valued their property less than their freedom and risked their lives for great principles, surely every true American will want to be in church on July 4th.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A. M.

Rolland R. Ripple is the new teacher for the Lacoda Class. He will have an assistant. This fine class of young men and women are a very active part of our church school.

REMEMBER CLASSES ASSEMBLE WITHOUT OPENING EXERCISES. NEW TIME SCHEDULE... CHURCH WILL BEGIN AT 10:15 A. M. DURING SUMMER PERIOD.

THINKING AND PLANNING FOR THE NEW CHURCH

Church architecture and religious art are as much a special field as medicine and dentistry. Snap judgment, by persons who have made not even a superficial study, and opinions, of those who have not read a single book, have no value. Some one may have an idea to have a church something like Solomon's temple. The pillars may be there and a few details gathered from the Old Testament, but as you might imagine the final result will be atrocious.

There are three historic types of church architecture in common use; the Gothic, the Romanesque and the Colonial. All are good. But what ever type chosen there should be consistency. To have Gothic windows and a Romanesque eiling will not be so pleasing as a consistent design.

Look at these various types: **The Gothic** type has been widely used. But to build a Gothic church there must be length and the right relation to width, and there must be height. Gothic churches can be very ornate. They are generally very expensive. In **The Romanesque** type, horizontal lines are emphasized, whereas in Gothic style, perpendicular lines stand out. It is further characterized by round arch, barrel vault and massiveness. **The Colonial** type is much more

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HEAVENLY TREASURES

What a delight it must be to men like Job who can look back, even when their riches are gone, upon the good they have done for their fellowmen with the money they once possessed. But that was not all! God saw to it that the investment made so unselfishly had not been in vain. God gave Job twice as much as he had before. He doesn't permit a mere man to be His creditor. But this is how He did it! He put it into the hearts of Job's brothers and sisters, his neighbors and those who had been the recipients of his benefactions, to give him a new start: Each brought him a gift of money, and a ring of gold — the means of investments of that day. Industry and God's blessing did the rest. Somehow, we feel that Job's counterpart today is found in those men and women who are investing in the lives of their fellowmen by providing schools, hospitals, mission stations, homes for the needy and helpless. Such men and women are fulfilling the words of the Master when He said, "Greater things than these shall ye do." It is a great thing, Job teaches us, to lay up for ourselves the "heavenly treasures."

"Jehovah gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: . . . every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one a ring of gold. So Jehovah blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning". (Job 42: 10b-11a, 12a).

A CALL TO PRAYER



“Until He have Mercy”

“Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold, as the eye of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us.”

—Psalm 123:1-2

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Thinking and Planning for the New Church — (Continued from first page)
distinctively American. It was inspired by the Georgian. Christopher Wren, designer of St. Paul's in London, is the father and exponent of Georgian. No one has surpassed him in designing beautiful towers. Colonial churches are generally out of wood and brick, they are chaste and beautiful in simplicity. This type of church fits the modest budget, but can be most beautiful. The Spanish type is used in certain localities, especially in the Southwest. The Modernist type can be beautiful, but it does not have the hallowed associations of the old types.

PLANNING AND BUILDING A HOUSE OF WORSHIP FOR GOD, CAN BE
A SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE CHURCH. IT
CAN BE A TIME OF GREAT RELIGIOUS JOY.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR JULY

July 4,—Robert E. Clipp, John F. Davis; July 11—J. Z. Berlien, Albert Egley
July 18—Hugh D. Rice, Walter C. Birkhold; July 25—Owen Vaught, B. W. Leverage

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR JULY

Richard Schrecongost, Captain, H-3297. W. Harry Imbody, Ansel L. Gaskill
Vaughn Brickley, J. E. Tracey, Cecil Rice, Collins Mannan, Clayton Yoquelet.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet Wednesday, July 7, at 8:00 P. M. at the church.

HONOR ROLL

(Pledges Paid up through the second Quarter)

(Continued) Mrs. Ethel Allen, Mrs. Mary Barnett, Mr. Mrs. J. Z. Berlien, Mr. Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mr. Mrs. H. J. Bowker, Mr. Mrs. M. C. Brudi, Mr. Mrs. Paul Carpenter, Mr. Mrs. R. E. Clipp, Mr. Mrs. Wm. Crouse, Mrs. Aden Current, Mr. Mrs. J. F. Davis, Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Ditton, Mr. Mrs. Robert Donohue, Mr. Mrs. Albert Egley, Mr. Mrs. D. J. Eyer. (Continued next week)

LOST

A green and white Eversharp pencil was lost in the church. The pencil belongs to Mrs. L. A. Sentman. The pencil may be returned to Mrs. Sentman or to the church office.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Fred J. Reithmiller fell and fractured a bone. She is confined to her home. Mrs. Martin Wagner is suffering from infection in her arm. She is at her home at 521 E. Masterson.

Michael Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Young, underwent a tonsilectomy.

WORLD CALL

World Call subscriptions have reached an all time high. Mrs. Wagner, the secretary is doing a fine job. If your renewal time is here see that this is taken care of. If you have not subscribed, do so. Help Mrs. Wagner break another record at First Christian.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Ruth Circle will hold a short business session at the General picnic instead of having a regular monthly meeting.

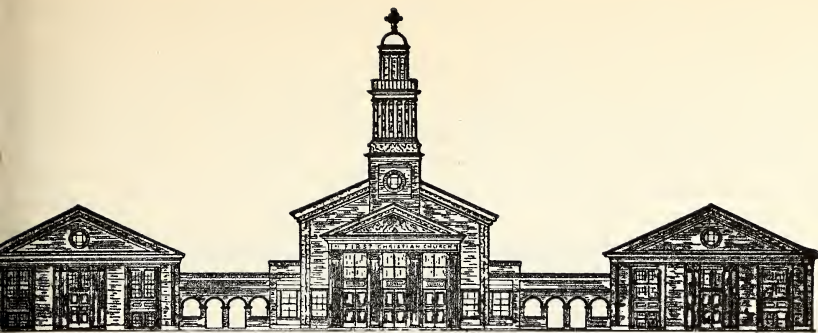
RUMMAGE SALE

The General Council will have a Rummage Sale, August 26 and 27. Please save your rummage. Anyone having rummage they wish to have picked up please call the president of their group.

NOTES

Mrs. Cecil Rice's mother is in the Methodist hospital, Indianapolis, where she underwent surgery. She is doing nicely at this writing.

Our pastor was in charge of the services for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Patrick. The baby was buried Tuesday afternoon.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:15 A. M.

SERMON SUBJECT: "Their Future is Now"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Soloist: Mrs. Lawrence A. Horn.

We had a splendid crowd for July 4th. If all the people who went on a vacation will be in church together with those who were there last Sunday we shall have an unusually big crowd on July 11th.

Everyone feels better when they are in church regularly during the summer. Our church services have been shortened for the summer season.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A. M.

Members of our Church School will go immediately to their classes at 9:30 as there will be no opening exercises.

We are asked to remember our softball team who are having a good record. Look to the newspapers for time and place.

OUR CHURCH WITH THE LONG VIEW

When a congregation is considering the most sacred undertaking as the building of the church sanctuary, the long view point should be taken.

In many situations in life the thoughtful person takes the long view. When one buys life insurance he is taking a long view for his dependents, his wife and children. He is concerned what may happen to them in the years ahead. When one buys a beautiful home he will take a long view. If he starts a business, if he is sound in his judgment, he will build it with integrity so that it will prosper.

Even more if we are thoughtful when we plan a house of worship we shall have our eyes to the future.

What religious functions should the buildings house? Our answer here will determine the architectural appointments. Are we building for our present needs or are we projecting our church to carry on for generations to come? Our answer to this question will determine our location. Its size and general atmosphere.

Many people have thought on this subject. Here are the famous words from the great authority on architecture, John Ruskin:

"When we build let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for present delight, nor for present use alone, let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for, and let us think . . . that a time is to come when these stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them, and that men will say as they look upon the labor, and wrought substance of them, 'See! this our fathers did for us.'"

GENERAL COUNCIL ANNUAL PICNIC

The Council Picnic will be held at Foster Park in the large pavilion, Tuesday, July 20, with luncheon being served at 12:30. The Naomi Circle will have charge of the Worship period and recreation. Fill your picnic basket and come have a good time with us.

CREATING GOODWILL

Many students from other countries come West to study in our colleges, universities, and other schools . . . The march of civilization has ever been westward. Liberal minds of the eighteenth century established on this continent a political state with such beneficent foundations that immigrants from all over the world have made it their home. Particularly inviting to the youth of other lands are the colleges of this western democracy . . . Last year 15,350 came, an increase of more than fifty per cent over the registration of the previous year. They represent 105 national and ethnic groups and come from practically every country in the world. Scarcely any country had less than fifteen students. Cuba, Mexico, and India had more than 500; Puerto Rico 1,135; China 1,488; Canada, with the largest number, 2,526.

Bringing the students from abroad to this American educational center is a distinct service for human liberty which could not have been performed

without using the physical forces of the universe. The peerless opportunity in classroom and on campus to develop understanding and goodwill between people of different cultures and to channel the experience of racial group into the common stream of brotherhood, again called on physical forces to serve as instruments of human liberty.

VALUES



GOATS FOR JAPAN

Acting on the appeal of Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, Japan's leading Christian evangelist, five downtown churches of Portland, Oregon, have organized a "Goats for Japan" movement, and will send a large number of milk goats to help feed the undernourished children. It has been found that goats are valuable in the poor grazing areas of the islands, and that they furnish unusually rich milk. Dr. Kagawa has been urging farmers to increase the use of bees and goats "to make a large amount of milk and honey."



THEY HAVE RESUMED TEACHING



The second post-war commencement at Union Theological Seminary, Manila, Philippine Islands, will be held April 6. Three students who have completed the seven-year course above high school will receive the Bachelor of Divinity degree. The fourth student will be granted the Bachelor of Theology degree, which is a four-year course above high school. All four of these men began their work before the war.

Our missionaries serving in the seminary, Mr. and Mrs. Norwood B. Tye, arrived in Manila in May, 1947. Mr. Tye was a chaplain in the war and, after seeing service in the Philippines, made application to The United Christian Missionary Society for missionary service there.



*Land of the morning,
Child of the sun returning,
With fervor burning,
Thee do our souls adore;
Land dear and holy,
Cradle of noble heroes,
Ne'er shall invaders
Trample thy sacred shore.*

*Ever within thy skies, and thro' thy
clouds,
And o'er thy hills and sea
Do we behold the radiance, feel the
throb
Of glorious liberty.
Thy banner floats above us here,
Its sun and stars alight.
O, never shall its shining field
Be dimmed by tyrant's might.*

*Beautiful land of love,
O land of light,
In thine embrace 'tis rapture to lie;
But it is glory ever when thou art
wronged,
For us, thy sons, to suffer and die.*

FILIPINO NATIONAL HYMN
Translated by Lane and Osias

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HONOR ROLL

Mrs. Emma Carles, Miss Mardelle Fisher, Miss Anita Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Flaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fuchshuber, Miss Janice Fuchshuber, Miss Bonnie Fusselman Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Mrs. Edwin Geerken, Mrs. James Hirschy, Miss Sally Hirschy, Mrs. David Hogg, Mrs. Richard and Miss Elaine Jones, Mr. Robert Kinnaman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Kreps, Mrs. Emily Lowman, Mrs. J. A. Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCarel, Mrs. C. R. McMaken, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mrs. Cora Nowells (To be Continued).

ILLNESS

Mr. Joseph M. Fitch is recuperating nicely at his home.

Mr. Eugene Fitch is much improved since his illness.

Miss Emma Dorris will welcome callers at the Methodist Hospital on third floor.

NOTES

Dr. Howard, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Greenwood is now associated with the Security Division of the United Nations. Dr. Howard is a linguist.

Mrs. Richard Stauffer and son, David, are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Vaught.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist were at church after spending several weeks at their summer home near Howe, Indiana.

The response to the letter of our Finance Committee was gratifying. It is not too late yet to pay your pledge up through the summer if you so desire.

HE FOUND HE COULD DO IT

Arthur A. Everts of Dallas, Texas, a life long member of the Christian Church and one of the leading Jewelers of America, has this to say about Tithing:

God says "thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all the heart and soul and mind and strength and thy neighbor as thyself" and it's a sure thing that you can love without giving! Alice Elizabeth Davis, New York editor, says that she has tried tithing for three years, and it gives her joy unspeakable in all things she does. Alice Kerr, millionaire fruit jar and glass manufacturer of Los Angeles says, "I started tithing when I was earning only \$12.50 per week and find that Christ works miracles for me to make me happier and more useful for him. She has given away countless millions of copies of leaflets on tithing for many years and said to me a short time ago, "Mr. Everts, we know that no man in America ever failed in business who was a tither." I started tithing in Dallas more than 40 years ago when my salary was \$20 a week. I had a family to support and a home to pay for on the installment plan that I never got paid for; but the Lord has surely done wonderful things for me, above all that I could ask or think. Please don't you be a big joke in Hades when you believe the Devil the biggest liar the world has ever known, when Satan tells you that you can't afford to be on the square with God in bringing to his house, the sacred tenth, the only money he has ordained (1 Cor. 9:7-12) for proclaiming the glad news of Salvation through Christ to this world. God says bring you the WHOLE TENTH (of all you increase) into the storehouse (Church) and PROVE ME NOW., if I will not open you the windows of Heaven." If God didn't make good, you could quit tithing, couldn't you? Your saying "I can't afford to tithe" makes God a liar.

Now covetousness in the New Testament, is "wanting more" or a "desire to have more." If you want more for yourself and not a proportion for God at the same time, you are a covetous person, and Paul says you have NO inheritance in the Kingdom of God and Christ. (Eph. 5:5).

Start bringing God's whole tenth into his storehouse today. You will find fun in it. Yes, overflowing happiness; yes, joy unspeakable. Direct the payment of any portion of your tenth through a note to your church treasurer if you wish. Jesus tells us that we can never have unity of the churches as long as we remain unfaithful in money (in tithing), Luke 16:11-12.



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, JULY 15, 1948

NUMBER 42

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:15 A. M.

Sermon: "Facing One's Greatest Problem"
Beautiful Music Characterizes our services.

Speaker: Our Pastor
Organist: Miss Mardelle Fisher

Many words of appreciation have come to us regarding the sermons of the past two Sundays. We are pleased that so many find them helpful. Don't miss these sermons, our minister is bringing us, Sunday by Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A. M.

We urge our members to remember our shortened services. Go immediately to your classes.

WHEN IN THE CITY BE IN THE CHURCH

We Continue to Grow

Sunday after Sunday with few exceptions new members are received into our church. This is a great experience, unusual opportunities and sobering obligations confront our church. The Church, and you dear member and reader are a part of this church, is enjoined to strengthen the weak, comfort the distressed, lift up the fallen and to guide these new members into the blessed fellowship and company of Christ, who has enjoined us to seek and build the Kingdom. Therefore be kindly, friendly and helpful to our new members.

BUILDING A CHURCH ON A HIGH SPIRITUAL PLANE

The first and constant aim of a Christian Church is to make the opportunity and the task, of building a House of God, of real spiritual benefit to the members of the congregation. Building a church offers much spiritual beauty: There is first the giving of one's self to God. It offers a restudy of the value of those things that call for our loyalty and support.

There is need for much Prayer. "Unless the Lord build the Temple they labor in vain who build thereon." Motives must be kept noble and pure. "Though I give my body to be burned and have not love, it profiteth me nothing." The driving force, the incentive, the dynamic for building a church for worship and service, must be love to God. Gratitude for His countless mercies and love of the Church.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Edith Anderson became the bride of Mr. John J. Roush, Sunday afternoon at 2:00 P.M. May joy and success follow them through the years.

Announcements

Miss Rosalie Watkins has announced her coming marriage, set for Friday, July 23, to Mr. Edwin R. Hall.

Miss Betty Ragan has announced her coming marriage to Mr. Norman Winchester for July 24.

These are fine young people in our church.

PASTORAL UNITY

There are already over one hundred Pastoral Unities among Christian churches in rural areas. The Pastoral Unity is an arrangement in which two or more churches located near each other cooperate through a joint board or council, contribute to a common budget, employ a minister, and plan many phases of their program together. Each local church in the unity retains its own board, its own budget for its local expense, and its approval is necessary before a minister is employed by the unity.

The Pastoral Unity has made it possible for churches to share workers in vacation Bible schools, in evangelistic programs, and to join in sponsoring leadership training schools, schools of missions, and united services to hear missionary speakers and other leaders. In some instances it has made it possible to add a worker to the staff either for the summer activities or as a permanent assistant.

The smallest rural church can greatly increase its own vitality and effectiveness through a Pastoral Unity.



A NEW HIGH SCHOOL

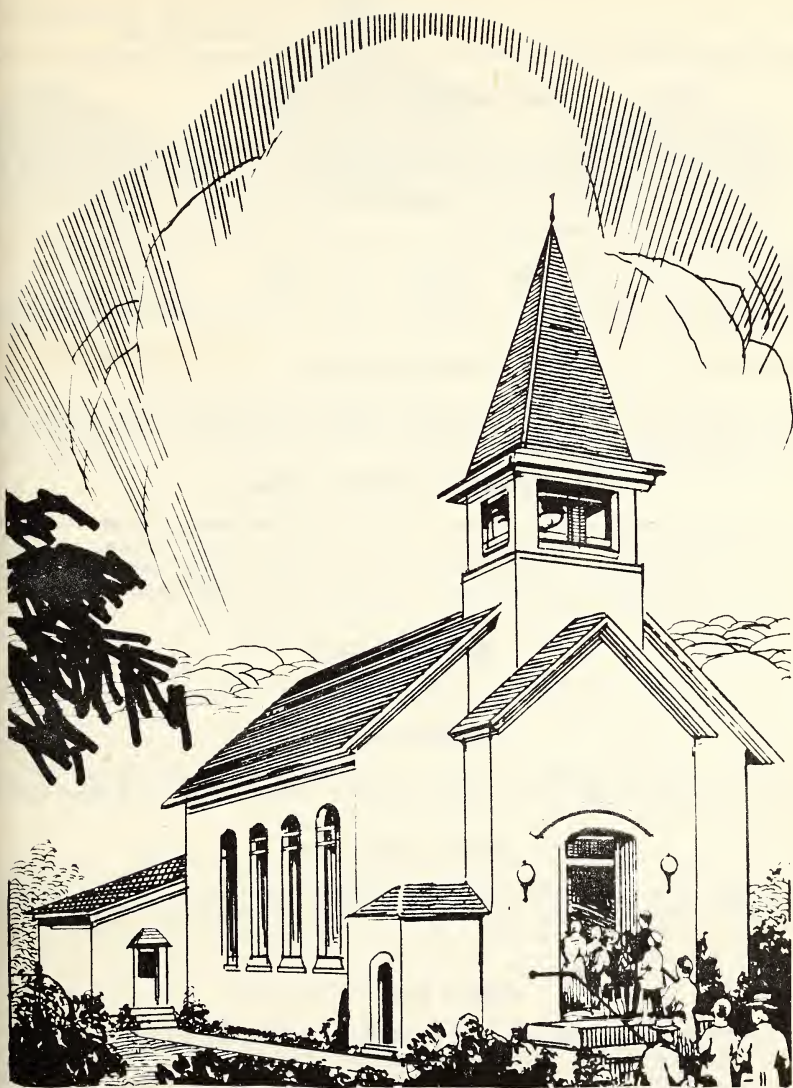
The hunger for education is a driving passion in these postwar days in the Philippines. Our church people in ten interior towns in Abra Province have a new church-sponsored high school at Lamao with forty students enrolled in the first year class. Their parents have donated land and material to provide a large building for next year. They are asking for galvanized iron roofing from the mission which they will carry, piece by piece, on their backs for one and a half days over mountain trails and across turbulent rivers to their isolated community.

Many old superstitions still exist there, but Christian leaders and education are pushing back the centuries of ignorance and fear.

ENLARGE THE CHURCH IN TOWN AND COUNTRY

The rural church is in the midst of a dynamic and changing community. Today it is challenged as never before to enlarge its program. It has both the opportunity and the resources to influence not only rural life but the character of the nation.

1. Studies have shown that there are 25 million rural adults outside of the membership of any church. The total rural population has grown by more than one million since 1940. A strong evangelistic program will bring many of these to Christ. A strong evangelistic program in the rural church benefits the rural community and eventually the nation.
2. One half of America's school children attend rural schools! But one half do not attend rural Sunday schools! A strong program of Christian education is needed to enlarge the Sunday school and reach children with the influence of the church.
3. The material well-being of rural people is higher today than ever before! Net farm income is highest in history and there is less tenancy and farm mortgage indebtedness than for fifty years. Nothing so much is needed as a strong stewardship program in the rural church.
4. Farm organizations increase membership and influence, governmental agencies continue the tremendous contribution to rural living, rural schools attain higher and higher standards—the church dare not fail to be strong enough to permeate the total life of the rural community with Christian faith and morality.



O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:

Praise him and magnify him forever.

*While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest and cold
and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night
shall not cease.*

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PROGRESSIVE CLASS PARTY

The Progressive Class will hold their Annual class picnic at Franke Park Sunday, July 18, following the Morning Services.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Vada Boston, 906 Alexander, is a patient in Methodist Hospital, room 322

Mrs. Scott Powers, Miss Margaret Powers' mother, is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. James Reynolds, Mrs. Shawhan's daughter, has returned to her home 1123 W. Wayne.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes to Miss Mildred Hutchinson in the death of her mother, Mrs. Henry Hutchinson, 1027 S. Gibson, Princeton, Indiana. May God be with the family in this time of sorrow.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL PICNIC

The Annual picnic of the Woman's Council will be held at Foster Park, Tuesday, July 20, at noon. Please meet in the Large Pavilion. Circles are having short business sessions. The Ngomi Circle is in charge of the recreation and will lead us in Devotions. Bring your own table service and your picnic basket. Come, bring your friends and enjoy a good time with us.

RUMMAGE SALE

Watch for the date of the Rummage Sale

OFFICIAL BOARD

There will be a special called meeting of the Board on Sunday morning July 18, following the morning worship services. There will be no August meeting of the Board.

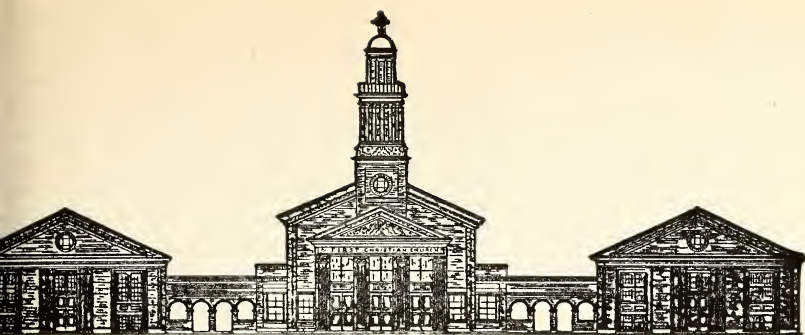
CHOIR LAKE PARTY

The members of the Choir and their families are invited to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Erle Oldridge at their Sylvan Lake Cottage, "The Thatch," Sunday July 18, in the late afternoon and evening. Bring your own table service, sandwiches and picnic basket.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ellison, Mrs. F. O. Hoover, Miss Kathryn Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Mrs. Margaret Owen, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. E. Dale Parkerson, Mrs. Alpha Piercy, Mrs. Lois Pipher, Mr. and Mrs. Verl Pribble, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Ragan, Miss Betty Ragan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl, Mrs. Rosella Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rice, Mrs. Jessie Richwine, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Philip Ripple, Mrs. Harold Roberts, Mrs. George Robinson, Mrs. F. H. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rousseau, Mr. W. W. Rousseau, Mrs. Olive Roy, Mrs. James Rupel, Miss Edna Saxon, Mrs. Millie Scherrer, Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, Mrs. Lillian Scott, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sharp, Mrs. Amy Shawhan, Mrs. E. Shockey, Mr. and Mrs. James Shockney, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Miss Sarah Shroyer, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Miss Pauline Sigrist, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Siples, Mr. and Mrs. Arza Smith, Mr. P. H. Somers, Miss Hazel Swinehart, Mrs. Nettie Funk, (To be continued).

FOUND: One pair ladies gloves. Owner please call the office.



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First Christian Church

VOLUME 11

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, JULY 22, 1948

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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:15 A. M.

Sermon: "Today and Tomorrow"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Special Music

Soloist:

This will be the last time you will hear our pastor before he goes on his vacation.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Our Junior children were surprised last Sunday when they discovered that their class was to be held in one of the City's trolley cars which was parked along side the Children's House. This was a test for the Committee on Week-day Religious Education. It is possible that busses will be used this Winter in the program of the Week-day Religious Education for the children in our Public Schools. Mrs. Robert M. Hopkins, Jr., head of the Week-day Religious Education, was the teacher.

BUILD A SANCTUARY

When we build a church we should build a sanctuary. The church and the sanctuary should be as beautiful as we know how to make it. Beauty is found, more or less, in every heart. Therefore, beauty will find a welcome response in those who come to worship.

At its best, worship employs all the arts. Worship, said someone, is the culmination of all the arts. In the midst of beauty the worshipper grows in his appreciation of the Divine.

If, in the House of God, man encounters the highest of the experiences that art can give he is facing the best that the past has to offer and as he looks toward God his mind and heart are lifted by the thought of eternal values. The best in music, the best in architect, the best in literature, the best in fellowship can meet in the church and culminate the highest Christian aspirations.

In considering our plans for our new church, the sanctuary should have central place. We should see that it is beautiful and inspiring and expresses in form and symbol the great teachings of our church and says to the people as they enter, "Come let us worship."

AMSTERDAM DELEGATION LARGEST

On leaving for Geneva on June 24 Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, chairman of the arrangements committee for the Amsterdam Assembly, stated that the 525 Americans attending the Assembly would constitute the largest group of church repre-

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches in the United States sent funds and relief commodities valued at \$14,500,000 to the war-stricken areas of Europe and Asia in 1947, through *Church World Service*. The needy in forty-three nations were helped.

CHRISTIANS SERVE

According to the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, reports from India and Pakistan indicate that there have been some 10,000,000 political refugees passing both ways over the borders between these nations, and that they have been and are badly in need of food and medical supplies. To make matters worse, the rice crop in the area was ruined by floods, and famine is ever present.

The National Christian Council of

India and various missions have set up relief stations in schools, hospitals and churches. American churches through Church World Service, have sent medicines, vitamins, powdered milk, clothing and bedding; while Christian doctors and nurses from other parts of India went to the scene of distress.

FAITH IN GOD

In this distressed and perilous age nothing is of more importance than the emphasis for young people of the spiritual side of existence. It is the tendency of our times to place too much faith on the material side of life. The only source of strength, courage and achievement is, in the end, faith in one's self, in the universe, and in God. The salvation of the world lies with the young people. This they cannot achieve without the foundation of morals, ethics and faith.



THROUGH THE YEARS

Since the year 1907 Disciples of Christ have worked in Argentina. During that time they have worked in the fields of evangelism, education, and some areas of social work. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Burner were the first missionaries to go to Argentina where they began the work that is still progressing. Not only have churches been started but also through Union Theological Seminary and Colegio Ward,

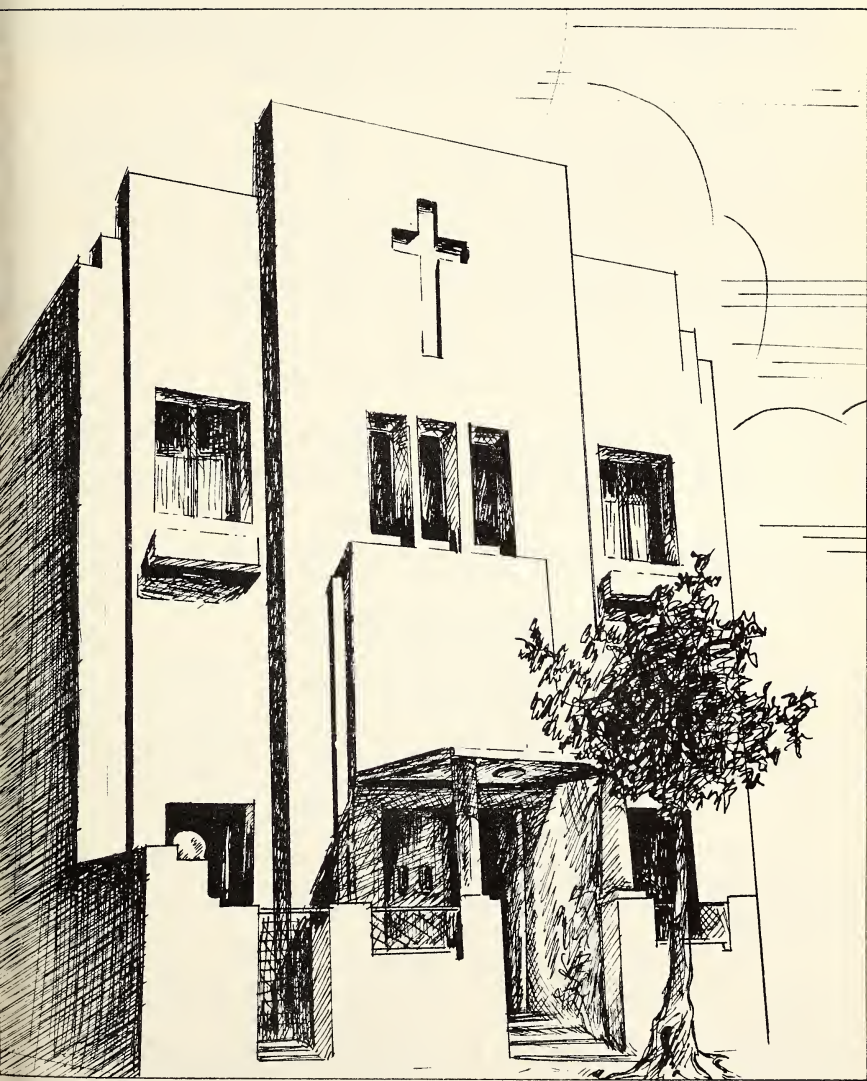
both of Buenos Aires, there has been great strides taken in educational work. Through these cooperative enterprises we work with several denominations in maintaining these evangelical schools.

In 1944 an important advance was made when Senor Feliciano A. Sarand his family opened the evangelistic work at Resistencia in northern Argentina.

During the last two years an Advance Program has been underway which resulted in progress in stewardship, regular giving doubled, missionary giving more than tripled, and yearly evangelistic campaigns in all the churches, so that optimistic goals have been set for the next ten years—1500 church members, 25,000 peso budget for local work, and at least three new mission stations.

On the cover is the Villa Mitre Church in Buenos Aires, which was dedicated in 1940.





And A Door Was Opened

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sentatives ever to attend an ecumenical meeting abroad. Over three hundred of the group would be delegates, alternates, consultants, accredited visitors and staff, with the remainder being observing visitors.

The greater part of the delegation will be sailing from New York on the Queen Elizabeth on August 6, and the Nieuw Amsterdam on the 12th.

—World Council Bulletin.

POPE WARNS OF "MIXED MEETINGS"

The Catholic position relative to the Amsterdam Assembly has been clarified by a "warning" by the Supreme Congregation of the Holy Office at the Vatican forbidding "mixed meetings" of Catholics and non-Catholics "in which matters of faith have been dealt with."

"These prescriptions must be observed even more strictly when meetings which are called 'ecumenical' are concerned, in which Catholics, laymen and priests cannot participate in any way without the previous permission of the Holy See."

According to a Rome dispatch of Religious News Service of June 24, the Vatican will send one non-participating official observer to the Assembly. "A few priests" have received special permission from the Holy See to "listen in" at the Assembly deliberations.

NOTES

Mrs. Powell Simonton, R. 1, Rome City, Indiana, is a patient in room 514, Methodist Hospital.

Found: One pair ladies black silk gloves. Owner, please see the custodian.

Mr. Chester L. Follis, 1421 Cherokee Rd., is a patient in the Lutheran Hospital.

Master Gerry Bowker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowker, suffered a bad cut on his ear at the Progressive picnic last Sunday. Dr. A. C. Worley attended the lad.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Rev. Joseph B. Fitch will be the guest speaker on Sunday, August 1st.

Mr. Frank Ruf, Secy Associated Churches of Fort Wayne, will speak to us on August 8th.

SUNDAY VESPER SERVICES

Remember the Community Vesper Services at the North Side Stadium at 6:30 P.M.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Mrs. Merl Teeters, Mrs. Louise Ternet, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tharp, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Vaught, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Vesey, Gerald Whitton, Miss Carol Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson, Mrs. C. W. Winfield, Miss Nancy Woodhull, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Working, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Worley, Mr. and Mrs. Bret Young, Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Young, Mrs. Orpha Yost, Miss Ruth Yost.

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"The Bible is a book of faith, and a book of doctrine, and a book of morals, and a book of religion, of special revelation from God; but it is also a book which teaches man his own individual responsibility, his own dignity, and his equality with his fellow man." — Daniel Webster.

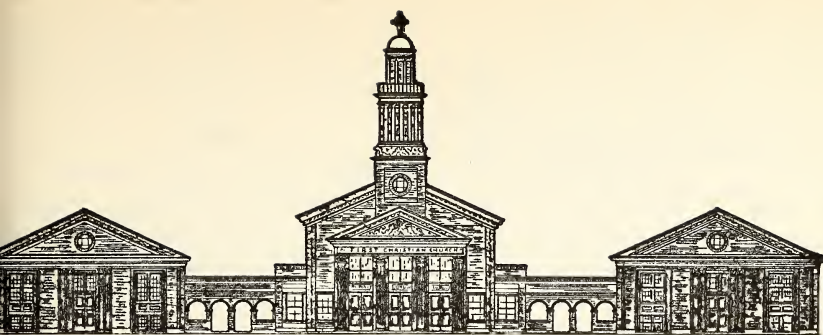
IT IS HARD

To forget,
To forgive,
To apologize,
To take advice,
To admit error,
To be unselfish,
To save money,
To be charitable,
To be considerate,
To avoid mistakes,

To keep out of a rut,
To make the best of little things,
To shoulder blame
To keep your temper at all times,
To begin all over again,
To maintain high standard,
To keep on keeping on,
To think first and act afterwards, but

IT PAYS!

—Author Unknown.



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NUMBER 14

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:15 A. M.

GUEST PREACHER:

Rev. Joseph B. Fitch

Special Music:

By Youth Quartette

Let us keep up our attendance during the summer months.

First Christian Tidings

The Tidings will not be printed during the month of August. Look for your first Fall issue early in September.

THINKINK ALOUD

(by Thurman Morgan)

There is much talk about poor church attendance. Without doubt this is a very real problem. The percentage of church members and non-church members who attend the services on any given Sunday is not very high.

Did you ever consider the fact that church attendance is based solely on a voluntary basis. There are no prizes or cash awards to be given for attendance. There is no high pressure advertising to get people to the churches. (There is an exception in the Religious Organizations who make profit out of the radio.)

The Motion Picture Industry spends millions of dollars each year to get people to attend the Movies. This includes every type and kind of direct and indirect advertising with all the pressure possible fostered upon the public. The Radio has reached the place where it must offer some kind of prize in order to keep its listeners. Gambling has taken control of the radio programs and people are urged to listen because they might get something for nothing. There are many evils in our society and gambling is one of the worst. It is of tragic significance that it now enters boldly into the American home under the guise of respectability.

Considering these and other means of reaching the public, I think that church attendance is not so poor. This is not to say that we should be content with the present situation, but it is comforting to know that there is still one institution in the nation whose clientele is not based on pressure.

Perhaps it is possible to improve the attendance record. Great preaching still attracts people and hungry souls still attend the worship service where they can find God.

THIS IS ONE WORLD

"Modern man has come to a sudden realization that this world is 'one world'. The peoples of the world are becoming more interdependent. We can no longer shrug off concern for what may be happening in New Guinea or Rhodesia. We know that sooner or later we ourselves will be affected.

"It is apparent that some world patterns must be discarded at once: the world pattern of extreme nationalism, the pattern of empire which aims at world unity built on the master-slave relationship. No unity maintained at the expense of freedom can last. The alternative to the disorder of a swarm of warring nationalisms on the one

hand, and the 'order' or world empire on the other, is the world as a family of peoples—the Christian pattern."



SPREADING THE WORD

The government of Brazil, cooperating with the evangelical missions and churches of the republic, is working to reduce illiteracy by adapting the "pictureword" methods of Dr. Frank C. Laubach to the teaching of Portuguese. Voluntary groups all over the nation are conducting literacy classes. Now the Bible Society of Brazil has issued the Gospel of Mark in a simplified form designed as a "primer" for the "new readers" of the nation, and thousands are reading its pages.



BUILDING A LARGE CHURCH SCHOOL

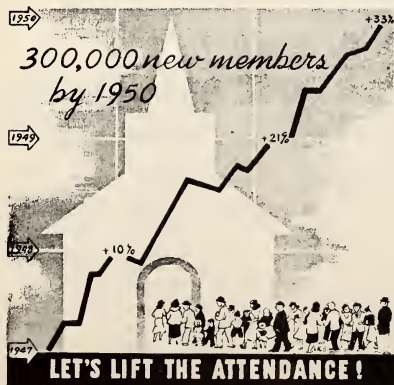
A Crusade for A Christian World has set for itself the task of securing by June, 1950, 300,000 new members in the church school. If every church in our brotherhood would increase its average attendance by ten per cent each year for the next three years it would be possible to reach that goal.

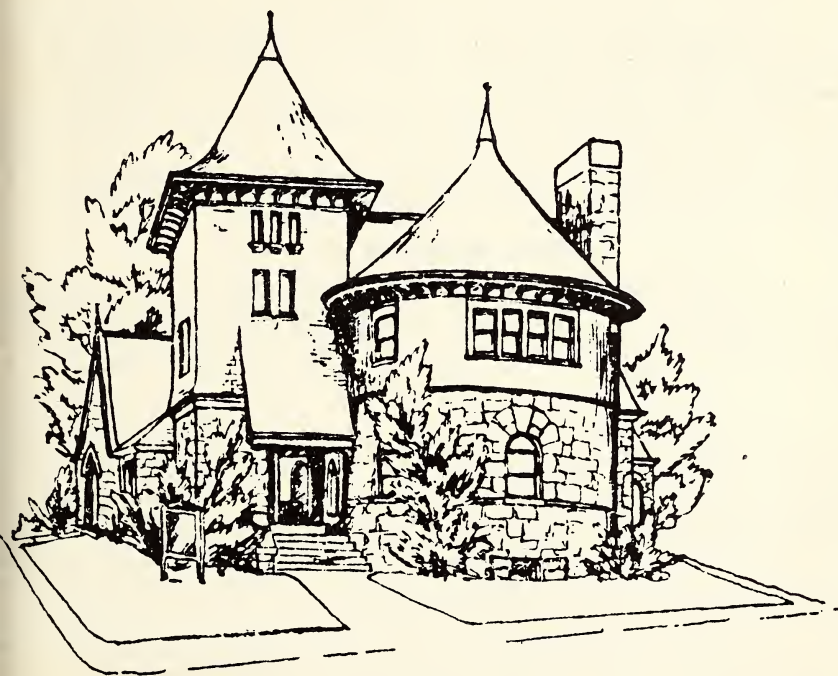
With the best buildings, the finest curricula, and the most effective methods and technique in history, Sunday school attendance has declined during

the past quarter century in a period when there has been a great population increase in our country. It is difficult to assess all the factors that have led to the decline, as they vary in different communities and different sections of country. But the greatest factor is the simple lack of conviction on the part of parents and citizens regarding the importance of keeping our spiritual foundations strong and passing on to our children and to all the children of a new generation the heritage which has been ours.

This will not be an easy task, which can be accomplished just by setting a goal, but it will necessitate work by all the present members of the church school. Plans will need to be laid, committees appointed, surveys made, and work done.

The goal will not be impossible to reach where there is genuine conviction regarding the need, and where there is willingness to invest time and energy in a basic program of action to meet the need.





The church moves forward on the feet of crusading Christians. Nineteen centuries ago eleven men met on the Mount of Olives and received their marching orders from the Christ: "Go ye therefore, and make disciples." They obeyed. They went forth to share the gospel message with men and thereby changed the world. These crusading disciples were themselves also transformed by the work in which they were engaged.

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VACATION TIME

Mrs. Robert T. Beck and Martha Jeanette are leaving Thursday to spend the summer with Mrs. Beck's father, Mr. Charles B. Bromley, at New Haven, Conn.

GUEST SPEAKERS

The Church Secretary, Mrs. Owen Vaught, will be on vacation until Aug. 1.

The Rev. Joseph B. Fitch will be our speaker on Sunday, August 1.

Mr. Frank Ruf of the Fort Wayne Associated Churches will speak to us on August 8.

Our pastor, Mr. Beck will be with us on August 15.

Rev. Thomas Hirschy, student pastor at Hiram College, will speak to us on August 22.

Rev. E. O. Singleton, General Supt., The National Home Finding Society, Irvington, Kentucky, will speak to us on August 29.

VACATION TIME FOR OUR PASTOR

Our Pastor, Mr. Beck, will leave the first of the week to study in Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University in New York City. During his vacation in the month of August, he will also teach in the Adult conference at Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio. He will lecture on "The Christian Family."

The first and fundamental objective of the Crusade, and the one upon which we have been attempting to major in these months of preparation, is "the resurgence of Christian life." Who can measure results at this point? Only the spirit of One whose wisdom is wiser than man. The only appreciable measurements of spiritual growth, so far as human wisdom is concerned, are in terms of increased attendance at church and church school and increased giving to those forms of Christian endeavor from which we do not expect immediate and material benefit. Taking these measurements, we would say that the Crusade is already under way in Country Club Christian Church.

Something is happening to the spirit of man in these days—something, we believe, whose source and whose motivation are deeper and stronger than the promotional devices of man. Perhaps the only explanation is in the words the Jesus once spoke to Nicodemus—"The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but knowest not whence it cometh nor whither it goeth."

Spiritual winds are blowing these days. It may be that Christ's Church must still go through her Gethsemane and her Calvary before she comes to her Pentecost. But to say the least, we are not sitting back in smug complacency. We are beginning, however feebly and falteringly, to crusade. Let us never slacken in that march!

—Warren Grafton

IS IT WELL WITH THE CHILD?

In this distressed and perilous age nothing is of more importance than the emphasis for young people of the spiritual side of existence. It is the tendency of our times to place too much faith on the material side of life. The only source of strength, courage, and achievement is, in the end, faith in one's self, in the universe, and in God. The salvation of the world lies with the young people. This they cannot achieve without the foundation of morals, ethics and faith.

—Louis Bromfield



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LABOR DAY SUNDAY

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:15 A.M.

Sermon: When One's Foundations are Shaken.

Preacher: Our Pastor

Vacation Days are over. We return to obligations and responsibilities of living with renewed strength, hope and vigor. We face the approach of the Fall Season with its beautiful colorings, crisp mornings, its balmy days and pleasant evenings, with joyous anticipation. The fragrances of its fields and flowers, fills us with a sense of virility and well-being; well cared-for of God. We are ambitious to set our homes in order for the coming wintry months. We face with zest the return to our House of Worship. With minds and hearts, rested and refreshed, we are dedicated to a program of progress in Church, and Home and School. Committees will meet to make plans for the month before us. Plans for Worship, recreation and service.

Welcome Home, Rev. and Mrs. Beck and Martha Jeannette.

Our minister and his dear family will be with us again next Sunday, after spending several weeks in study, service to others, and relaxation among friends and relatives. We are joined together in welcoming them back home again. We know their summer's activities have been an inspiration to them and filled them with renewed strength to take up the task of leading our people in an active program of progress.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

"What makes this day in history so serious is that increasingly the influence of the world upon the church has been greater than the influence of the church upon the world." — Culbert G. Rutenber.

SOCRATES, TO THE PEOPLE OF ATHENS — OR FORT WAYNE

Athenians, I hold you in the highest regard and love,
 But I will obey God rather than you;
 And as long as I have breath and strength
 I will not cease from philosophy, and from exhorting you,
 And declaring the truth to every one of you whom I meet,
 Saying, as I am wont, You are a citizen of Athens, a city which is very great
 and famous for wisdom and power of mind.
 Are you not ashamed of caring so much for the making of money,
 And for reputation?
 Will you not think or care about wisdom,
 And truth, and the perfection of your soul? —From The Meeting House.



At All Peoples' Christian Church, Los Angeles, children of many races and nationalities play and worship together. The missionary superintendents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Genung, offer every practical aid to the families of the densely populated area. Some of the former gangs of the neighborhood have become championship ball teams, small children have been brought from the streets into the playground and kindergarten while mothers work, a branch library provides entertainment and recreation, worship and Bible study is offered for all age groups.



MISSIONARY REGISTER

Arriving:

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Potee, from India.
 Dr. Hope Nichoson, from India.
 Mr. Peter Solomon, from India — national.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. Manly Morton, from Puerto Rico.
 Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Rowe, from Congo.

Leaving:

Miss Ethel Shreve to India.
 Mr. and Mrs. Fay Livengood to India.
 Miss Myrle Ward to Congo.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. Louis Harris to Congo, (new missionaries).
 Mr. George Cherryhomes to China, (new missionary).

Mrs. James H. McCallum to China.

Mrs. Lewis S. C. Smythe to China.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Roberts to Congo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tillery to Congo (new missionaries).

Miss Fern McMillan to Congo, (new missionary).

Mrs. H. Gray Russell to Congo.

Miss Alice Clark to India.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hendricks to Japan, our first missionaries to return after the war.

Miss Jessie Law, new missionary nurse to Mexico. She will not only serve in Hop Hospital, Aguascalientes, but will also organize and conduct a nurses' training school there.



7 THE LORD said,

"Say, 'we'";

But I shook my head,

Hid my hands tight behind my back,

and said,

Stubbornly, "I."

The Lord said,

"Say, 'we'";

But I looked upon them, grimy and all
awry—

Myself in all those twisted shapes?

Ah, no!

Distastefully I turned my head away

Persisting, "They."

The Lord said,

"Say, 'we'";

And I, at last,

Richer by a hoard

Of years and tears,

Looked in their eyes and found the
heavy word

That bent my neck and bowed my
head:

Like a shamed schoolboy then I
mumbled low,

"We, Lord."



—Charlotte Wilson

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When the Lord thy God shall have brought thee into the land — to give thee great and goodly cities — houses full of all good things — and wells digged — and olive trees — when thou shalt have eaten and be full; then beware lest thou forget the Lord.
—Deuteronomy 6: 10-12.

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE FOR ELDERS

September 5—Hugh D. Rice, B. W. Lerversee

September 12—J. Z. Berlien, Albert Egly

September 19—John F. Davis, A. M. Campbell

September 26—Robert E. Clipp, Walter Birkhold

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE FOR DEACONS

Dale Hiler, Captain, H-79693; Delmas Young, H. K. Pritchard, J. W. Haffner, R. J. Rousseau, Henry M. Flowers, S. G. Myers, D. J. Eyer.

(If unable to serve, please call your Captain.)

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Executive of the General Council will meet **Friday afternoon, September 3rd, at 2:00 P.M.** for a Planning Conference with Rev. Beck. This is an important meeting.

CHURCH SCHOOL EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Superintendents, and members of the Executive and Religious Education Committees will meet **Tuesday, September 7 at 8:00 P.M.** Plans for the Fall work will be made.

C.Y.F.

A Youth Executive meeting is called for **Thursday, September 9th at 7:00 P.M.** Please plan to be present.

JUNIOR DEACONS

The Junior Board of Deacons will meet **Tuesday, September 7 at 7:00 P. M.** This is an important meeting. Mr. Donald Munro is Chairman.

ILLNESS

Among those of our members who are ill: Mrs. Delmas Young, R. R. 9, is ill at home. Mary Esther Hopkins, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Hopkins, Jr., is in hospital suffering from a light attack of polio. No doubt there are others who are ill. Please call in to the Office when there is sickness in the Home. We appreciate knowing.

SUMMERTIME — WEDDING BELLS

Donna Jean Akers and P. Woodrow Drudge; Edith Anderson and John Roush, Jr.; Rosalie Watkins and Edwin K. Hall; Betty Ragan and Norman Winchester. Congratulations!!

RUMMAGE SALE

The Rummage Sale was a huge success, gross receipts being \$176.66. Mrs. Sigrist, President, wishes to thank everyone who cooperated so wonderfully, and to especially thank Mr. Palmer, who spent time gathering up the rummage for the sale. The Council will have another day's sale as soon as room can be rented. Those who have more rummage and those who did not get their rummage to this sale, please hold it until notified as to arrangements for next sale.

GENERAL COUNCIL GROUP MEETINGS

* The Naomi Circle will meet with Mrs. Paul Carpenter, 1630 E. Columbia, Wednesday, September 8 at 2:00 P.M. Mrs. Dare is the speaker, her subject will be, "Union of Churches."

The Ruth Circle will meet with Mrs. C. F. Durfee, 1018 College, Tuesday afternoon, September 7 at 2:00 P.M.

The Dorcas Circle will meet with Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, 1309 E. Wayne St., Thursday, September 9, at 2:00 P.M. Mrs. Sigrist will be a guest.

The Rachel Circle will meet with Mrs. J. M. Miller, 513 E. Taber St, Tuesday, September 14 at 2:00 P.M. Mrs. M. Wagner will give the devotions and Mrs. Joseph Siples will have charge of the program.

The Rebecca Circle will meet with Mrs. Clyde Driver, 2316 Clinton St., Thursday, September 9 at 7:45 P.M. Mrs. Robert M. Hopkins, Jr., will be in charge of the program.



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GO TO SCHOOL SUNDAY

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: Magic Of Believing.

Preacher, Our Pastor

Special Music. Soloist.

We shall be back on our regular schedule this Sunday.

Most of our children and youth are in school now. Many will be returning to college this next week. Church people know that Christian Faith is important in the process of "Getting an Education". It is well for parents to ask who have a son or daughter away at school, "Are they at Church on Sunday?" We are anxious to know, "If in getting an education our youth are also equipped to face great decisions involving moral integrity, justice, compassion, mercy and self-sacrifice. Are your youth seriously facing the choice of, "Making a living," or, "Making life more abundant."

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Teachers and Officers will be concerned this year in meeting our Crusade for a Christian World Goal in our Church School. The schedule is that we shall have a ten percent increase in enrollment each year. This means that our membership in the Church must take an increasing interest in the Church School. This week and next week conferences are being called to make this program very effective.

CHURCH LOYALTY PERIOD

For thirteen weeks beginning October 1st and ending December 31, the membership of our Church will be challenged to Church Loyalty. This is an effort to have every member of every family in the Church consistently present for Sunday School, Communion and Worship. If habitual attendance and participation can be established during this period the whole moral tone and the religious enthusiasm will be raised. Careful preparation is being given by the Officers of the various organizations and the Official Board and the Pastor for this opportunity that lies ahead. There will be assignments of responsibility and every member is asked to cooperate.

• SWORDS INTO PLOW SHARES

Fifteen of the principal foreign missionary boards of American Protestantism (among them The United Christian Missionary Society) have united through the Foreign Missions Conference of North America in the purchase of \$3,000,000 worth of war surplus commodities from the U. S. Government.

Purchases include drugs, hospital and medical supplies and equipment, building and office supplies, and automotive stock. Most were secured from the Philippines and will be used in rebuilding and rehabilitating mission institutions in the Philippines and in China.

• INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The new offices for the International Convention of Disciples of Christ have been opened in the Knights of Pythias Building, Indianapolis. Mr. Gaines M. Cook, elected to the new position of executive secretary, has taken up his duties, as well as H. B. Holloway who serves as business manager. These are now fulltime services for the first time in the history of the Convention.

Dr. Hampton Adams of St. Louis will serve this year as president of the International Convention.



A CRUSADE FOR A CHRISTIAN WORLD

Beginning in September and extending to 1950, this effort presents itself to every Disciple of Christ as a call of God to move forward to meet the unprecedented needs of our day. The world needs Christian persons, dedicated to meeting the spiritual and human ills of a desolate civilization with the spirit and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Specific objectives of the Crusade include:

- To recruit 3000 for the ministry, mission fields, and other fulltime Christian service.
- To add 900,000 to the church by baptism, transfer, and restoration.
- To increase church school enrollment by 300,000, with 225,000 decisions for Christ through the church schools.
- To reach 500,000 homes with a program of Christian nurture.
- To train 100,000 for local church leadership.
- To enroll 500,000 new proportionate givers or tithers.
- To increase enrollment in brotherhood colleges by 5,000.
- To institute an active student work program in 200 college centers to reach 30,000 Disciple college students.
- To enlist 1000 churches in cooperative interdenominational work.
- To establish 200 new churches in needy and strategic centers.
- To organize 130 new rural pastoral unities involving 350 churches.



*Christ for the World! we sing;
The world to Christ we bring,
With loving zeal;
The poor and them that mourn,
The faint and overborne,
Sinsick and sorrow-worn,
Whom Christ doth heal.*

—Samuel Wolcott



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REFUND TO GAS USERS

According to the newspapers those who use gas in this section of the State will receive refunds for over-payment due to a ruling that has been made recently in this State.

A similar thing occurred to users of electricity in Little Rock, Arkansas, some years ago. In that city, a church similar to our own was planning as we are a building program. Every member of the Church was asked to turn the refund into the building treasury. The congregation responded heartily. The result is that that Church now has a modern educational plant and Church Sanctuary.

Think this over. Give your refund to Christ and His Church.

FIVE FACTS YOU WILL WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE CRUSADE

1. The CRUSADE is a Spiritual movement. It was conceived in prayer, planned in prayer, launched in prayer, and now moves forward because a resurgence in Christian Life is taking place.

2. The CRUSADE is a Cooperative movement. The whole church is needed to take the whole gospel to the whole world. Already more than 2,000 of our churches have accepted program activity and financial goals. That number is growing daily. Churches are joining hands. The answer to the chaos of the world can come only as Christians cooperate and unite to bring redemption to mankind.

3. The CRUSADE is a Disturbing movement. It destroys complacency and selfish tendencies. It makes us dissatisfied with status quo conditions. It makes us want to do something about what we hear and see around us. We hear Christ saying, "Take up your Cross and follow Me!" We feel the need; we begin.

4. The CRUSADE is a Challenging movement. It is God's challenge to his people. God's challenge to win the lost through evangelism, to give meaning and stability to our faith through Christian Education, to give to the needs of the world through our compassion at home and abroad, to minister through world missions in an effort for world redemption.

5. The CRUSADE is a Moving movement. It is the Christian Church accepting the challenge of God. Every Christian must become a Crusader. The casual minimums of our individual and collective efforts will not meet the need of the world or answer the call of God. A Crusading layman prayed this prayer, "O God, give us the will to make Thy will our own." God Wills It! He wills a Crusade for a Christian World. The church needs a Crusade for a Christian World. The world awaits the answer of the church to God's call.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet Wednesday evening, September 15 at 7:45 P.M.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Martha Circle will meet with Mrs. Owen Vaught, 4035 S. Fairfield Ave., Thursday, September 16 at 2:15 P.M.

ILLNESS

Mr. George is in Room 505, Methodist Hospital. Mrs. Bret Young is a patient in the Lutheran Hospital.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Powell Simonton in the recent death of his brother, Mr. Zollie Simonton. And to Mrs. Harry Zumbro, 4506 South Wayne Avenue, in the loss of her dear husband, Harry Zumbro. Mr. Zumbro passed away this last week.

EVENING GUILD

The Evening Guild will meet Monday, September 13, at 6:00 P.M. at Foster Park Pavilion No. 3. Please bring your own table service. Mrs. Edwin Geerken will give devotions. Misses Sarah and Ethel Shroyer will share with the group their experiences on a trip to the Northwestern States and Canada. They also have many lovely pictures to show.

WEEK-DAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We urge our parents to instruct their children to sign up for the Week-day Religious Education course. Our own Mrs. Robert M. Hopkins is director of this work in the Public Schools.



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Sunday, September 19, 1948

MORNING WORSHIP—10:30 A.M.

Sermon: To Whom Shall We Listen

Preacher: Our Pastor

The Churches of America are called upon to pray for the United Nations this coming Sunday. From 11:55 A.M. to 12 Noon, across the Nation, Church bells will be rung reminding the people to pray for the United Nations and for World peace. We urge our members to enter into this call most heartily.

Church School—9:30 A.M.

In the Crusade for a Christian World we are asked to increase our Church School enrollment by 10%. All members of the School, under the leadership of our Officers and Teachers, should be on the alert for new members.

We suggest that the first Sunday in October, which is World Communion Sunday be made a time when every class will attempt to have a complete attendance of their membership. On the second Sunday in October we suggest that the place of Youth be emphasized and where possible that they shall be worked into the program of each class. On the third Sunday in October we recommend that we emphasize family life in the life of our Church School. Make an effort to have whole families attending Sunday School at the same time. The fourth Sunday we suggest be guest Sunday. Let each of you bring a guest, a neighbor, a class mate, a fellow workman, or business associate who is not attending Church elsewhere.

PLAN NOW TO MAKE THE FIRST MONTH OF OUR CHURCH LOYALTY PROGRAM A BIG MONTH.

CHURCH LOYALTY

During this week groups have been meeting looking forward to the launching of our Church Loyalty Campaign beginning October 1 and running until December 31. During this period attendance at Sunday School and Morning Worship will be emphasized. From week to week, in this space you will be kept informed of the progress of this campaign.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Our International Convention will meet in San Francisco this year from September 25 to October 1. This will be the first time in many years that the Convention has met on the West Coast. Important action will be taken at this Convention, on many of world wide interests in the Mission field. There will be reports brought

• THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

A valuable gift to Church World Service, united and interdenominational relief agency of American Protestant churches, is 170,000 tubes of penicillin ointment for the eyes and skin from a New York pharmaceutical firm.

This is being sent to India where it will be used by British, American, and Indian doctors in scores of hospitals for the free treatment of men, women, and children who suffer from eye diseases and skin infections which are rampant in every part of India.



• A CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The school year for 1946 opened at Colegio Internacional, Asuncion, Paraguay, with an enrollment of 424—289 boys and 135 girls. There are 16 half-boarders and 59 living full time in the dormitories. The enrollment is further divided into the

Primary Department with 164 boys and 85 girls, and the Secondary Department with 125 boys and 50 girls.

In order to keep the parents of the children informed about what is being done in the school, and to make contact with the homes, three programs have been conducted to which the parents have been invited. The first was for the pre-school department, with practically all the parents present. The second was for children in the upper grades, and fifty people attended. The third was for parents in the lower grades, and seventy-five were present. In each case the children presented the program and served refreshments, while the director of the school, Fred W. Hughes, talked to the parents about the aims and objectives of Colegio Internacional and certain changes which are being introduced in the program and method of teaching.

Training in Christian living is an integral part of the curriculum for each department.



WHAT DO WE READ?

A recent survey shows that in the United States the reading public numbers more than 90,000,000. Of that number, 40,000,000 buy newspapers; 30,000,000 buy magazines; 20,000,000 read books from libraries; 2,500,000 rent books; and from 200,000 to 500,000 buy books regularly.

But more important than mere reading is what we read. There is trivial and inconsequential reading by young and old; hundreds of thousands of copies of comics engage the attention of children and others; vicious literature, in greater volume than we wish to admit, finds its way to our book shelves and into our magazines.

If we are what we read, as has been said over and over again, then we need to recognize that Christian literature is basic to the life of the church and of the nation. And if Christian literature is to have its place in our homes and our libraries, it will

be through the efforts and influence of Christian people. This is a responsibility we cannot shrug off.

Copies of the Bible are available to all. Bible stories have been prepared for the reading of children and young people. Books and pamphlets can be had on Christian themes for information and inspiration; our brotherhood publishing house prepares literature for all ages.

It is the responsibility of Christian people to be aware of these vast resources and make them known to others.

By the reading of Christian literature:

- The church lives and prospers.
- Church leaders become aware of world conditions and the need for Christian action.
- Homes are transformed into schools of Christian living.
- Children are taught the way of life.
- The destiny of our nation is determined.

Stories Of Jesus

Tell me the stories of Jesus

I love to hear;

Things I would ask Him to tell me

If He were here:

Scenes by the wayside,

Tales of the sea,

Stories of Jesus,

Tell them to me.

—*William H. Parker.*



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by G. Bomley Oxnam from the World Council of Churches, which just met at Amsterdam. Bishop Oxnam was just elected as the American representative at the Amsterdam meeting. A generous part of the program of the Convention will be devoted to the Crusade for A Christian World.

Public Utilities Refund

Many of our members are receiving refund checks. Don't forget the Church. May we again suggest that it would be a boon to our building program for you to turn this money over to our Building Fund.

General Council

The September General Council meeting will be in the evening. Tuesday, September 21st, 8:00 P.M. The Ruth Circle is in charge of the worship period and the program will be given by the Evening Guild. The Topic, "Our Church and Its Place in the Community." The Esther Circle will have charge of refreshments.

The Executive will meet prior to the General meeting at 7:15.

Annual Harvest Ingathering for Emily E. Flinn Home

It is time to prepare for our annual Harvest Ingathering of food and other gifts to the Emily E. Flinn Home at Marion. This Home is dependent on the help given by our churches in a very real sense. This year our meeting will be at the Home in the **afternoon**, leaving the Church about noon and arriving in Marion in time to have a program and light refreshments. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, which is our regular Council Day. Those who have cars, and are planning to go to Marion, please notify Mrs. Sigrist or Mrs. Vaught. We want to see a large turn out for this very pleasant occasion. You will want to see the progress which has been made on their building. Keep this date open. Every person in the Church who wishes to go to Marion will be welcomed.

Religious Education Week—September 26 to October 3rd

This week will afford the last opportunity before the Fall quarter for our Church School Officers and Teachers to complete their plans for the Fall and Winter period in our Church School.

School of Missions—September 29-30

The women who would be interested in attending this School should get in touch with Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, President of the Woman's Council.

October 7th

Church School Workers dinner sponsored by the Associated Churches will be held on Thursday, October 7. This dinner is open to teachers and officers of the Church School. Representatives from the churches belonging to the Associated Churches will be present.

Community Church School of Religion—October 19

This year the Community School, a union project of the Associated Churches, will be held at the Trinity English Lutheran Church. Any members of the congregation interested in preparing for teaching are asked to get in touch with the Superintendent of our Church School.

NOTES

Among those still vacationing in various parts of the country are Mr. P. H. Somers in the Smoky Mountains; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, in Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ludwig in New England. We have received word from all these people.

Among the Sick

We are asked to keep in our prayers Mrs. Delmas Young, Mr. George Frost. Mrs. George Krall is convalescing nicely since her illness this summer.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

This Sunday is the last Sunday before we begin our Loyalty Campaign. It is most gratifying to find that most people who have been asked to serve are heartily entering into this program. We urge all our members to make these next weeks a "must time" to come to Church and to the Church School.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Sunday is Promotion Sunday. All the children in our Church School should be present this Sunday for their promotion. Each child will be moved up according to his age and grade in School to the next class.

Loyalty Program. One of the goals of our Crusade for a Christian World concerns increased enrollment and attendance in our Church School. There were over 40,000 added to the Church membership of our Brotherhood and almost an equal number added to the enrollment of our Sunday Schools. During these 13 weeks First Christian Church will make a special effort to increase our enrollment and attendance at the Church School. Each Class is asked to consider ways and means to carry out this program. Every teacher will carefully prepare the lesson and introduce interesting and effective features in their class study.

Next Sunday will be **Membership Sunday**. Every Class this Sunday should make assignments and see that every member is invited and urged to come on October 3rd, which is Rally Day.

YOUTH PROGRAM

The young people of our Church have had several committee meetings with plans for launching an enlarged Youth program for our Church. On October 1st, from 7 to 9 P.M. there will be Open House for the High School Young People and for the older young people who are members or friends of the Church.

This new program will inaugurate a Sunday evening activity. Other features will include athletic activities, social parties, and study and worship services. The Junior Board of Deacons, the High School Department, and the Lakoda Class are co-operating in this enterprise. Mr. Rolland Ripple is the teacher of the Lakoda Class, Miss Ruby Whisman is the teacher of the High School Class. Miss Evelyn Powell will assist in this new youth program. Also, Mr. Marvin Crouse will introduce a new feature which will be presented at the Open House on Sunday, October 3rd. Don Gene Munro is president of the Junior Board of Deacons. Mardelle Fisher is president of the Lakoda Class. Miss Carol Wilson is secretary and Miss Margaret Powers is president of the High School group.

● TRAINING FOR SERVICE

Disciples of Christ, through its state and national religious education staffs, provided this summer opportunities for the training of young people and adults as follows:

- 17 Laboratory Training Schools, staffed by 85 leaders, in which 500 teachers were enrolled;
- 20 Adult Conferences, with 160 leaders, and enrolling 1,500;
- 112 Young People's Conferences, led by 1,500 trained workers, and enrolling 12,000 students.



● GREAT THINGS

Miss Myrtle Furman writes about the camping season at Kotmi, India. At such times, the missionaries, with Bible women and evangelists, go out into nearby villages and camp for a period of time, to preach and teach the Gospel.

The village people welcomed us gladly. All day long, people were coming to our tents for medicine, often bringing the patient with them. Some came to purchase gospel portions which we sell for one-half cent each.

In one village the headman with several of his grandchildren, along with thirty or forty men and many children, gathered on our camping ground almost as soon as we arrived — before we got out tents pitched. When I said, "We are happy to come to your beautiful village," he replied, "We are certainly most delighted to receive you here."

Then he went on to say, "My grandchildren want to purchase books." I thought maybe he meant school books, but he said, "We want your religious books."

This gentleman came to our tents daily, was present in all our night meetings, which we held in front of his house. His lawyer and priest came also. The old priest seemed kind and gentle. I gave him pictures of our Christ. He let us get water from his well.

In every village we found people eager for the message. Our hearts ached for them. The attendance at our evening meetings was always good. We had nothing spectacular, just our singing Bible reading, prayer, a short talk concerning the Bible, and another to explain the way of salvation. Then some teaching in which we urged them to repeat the Bible verse with us. If we asked questions, they would try to answer.

One man spoke at our meeting, saying, "These are great things you are teaching us."



● TRAVELING LIBRARY

Hazel Green Academy, Hazel Green, Kentucky, is offering a new service to the community and to other schools in the county. Under the direction of Miss Katherine Schutze, formerly our missionary to China, and the school librarian, Mrs. Price Tutt, a mobile library has been organized.

On the first trip out in the county, five schools were visited. The plan is to leave a box of books at a school for a month, then to pick them up and leave another box. There are 52 rural schools in the county. This is the only library service offered.



● DESTROYED CHURCHES

The Nazi occupation of Holland resulted in the destruction of sixty Protestant churches, the serious damaging of forty others, damage or destruction of seventy parsonages, the evacuation of sixty entire congregations, the inundation of thirty parishes by the cutting of dykes, and the death of twelve Protestant ministers (nine of them fathers of young children). This is a report received from the Netherlands by the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. Damage to church property is assessed at approximately \$6,840,000.

*MY MASTER was a helper,
The woes of life he knew,
And he who would be like him
Must be a helper too;
The burden will grow lighter,
If each will take a share,
And where there is a helper
The Master's man is there.*

—William G. Tarrant.



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MORNING WORSHIP—10:30 A.M.

Sermon: To Whom Shall We Listen

Preacher: Our Pastor

The Churches of America are called upon to pray for the United Nations this coming Sunday. From 11:55 A.M. to 12 Noon, across the Nation, Church bells will be rung reminding the people to pray for the United Nations and for World peace. We urge our members to enter into this call most heartily.

Church School—9:30 A.M.

In the Crusade for a Christian World we are asked to increase our Church School enrollment by 10%. All members of the School, under the leadership of our Officers and Teachers, should be on the alert for new members.

We suggest that the first Sunday in October, which is World Communion Sunday be made a time when every class will attempt to have a complete attendance of their membership. On the second Sunday in October we suggest that the place of Youth be emphasized and where possible that they shall be worked into the program of each class. On the third Sunday in October we recommend that we emphasize family life in the life of our Church School. Make an effort to have whole families attending Sunday School at the same time. The fourth Sunday we suggest be guest Sunday. Let each of you bring a guest, a neighbor, a class mate, a fellow workman, or business associate who is not attending Church elsewhere.

PLAN NOW TO MAKE THE FIRST MONTH OF OUR CHURCH LOYALTY PROGRAM A BIG MONTH.

CHURCH LOYALTY

During this week groups have been meeting looking forward to the launching of our Church Loyalty Campaign beginning October 1 and running until December 31. During this period attendance at Sunday School and Morning Worship will be emphasized. From week to week, in this space you will be kept informed of the progress of this campaign.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Our International Convention will meet in San Francisco this year from September 25 to October 1. This will be the first time in many years that the Convention has met on the West Coast. Important action will be taken at this Convention, on many of world wide interests in the Mission field. There will be reports brought

• THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

A valuable gift to Church World Service, united and interdenominational relief agency of American Protestant churches, is 170,000 tubes of penicillin ointment for the eyes and skin from a New York pharmaceutical firm.

This is being sent to India where it will be used by British, American, and Indian doctors in scores of hospitals for the free treatment of men, women, and children who suffer from eye diseases and skin infections which are rampant in every part of India.



• A CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The school year for 1946 opened at Colegio Internacional, Asuncion, Paraguay, with an enrollment of 424—289 boys and 135 girls. There are 16 half-boarders and 59 living full time in the dormitories. The enrollment is further divided into the

Primary Department with 164 boys and 85 girls, and the Secondary Department with 125 boys and 50 girls.

In order to keep the parents of the children informed about what is being done in the school, and to make contact with the homes, three programs have been conducted to which the parents have been invited. The first was for the pre-school department, with practically all the parents present. The second was for children in the upper grades, and fifty people attended. The third was for parents in the lower grades, and seventy-five were present. In each case the children presented the program and served refreshments, while the director of the school, Fred W. Hughes, talked to the parents about the aims and objectives of Colegio Internacional and certain changes which are being introduced in the program and method of teaching.

Training in Christian living is an integral part of the curriculum for each department.



WHAT DO WE READ?

A recent survey shows that in the United States the reading public numbers more than 90,000,000. Of that number, 40,000,000 buy newspapers; 30,000,000 buy magazines; 20,000,000 read books from libraries; 2,500,000 rent books; and from 200,000 to 500,000 buy books regularly.

But more important than mere reading is what we read. There is trivial and inconsequential reading by young and old; hundreds of thousands of copies of comics engage the attention of children and others; vicious literature, in greater volume than we wish to admit, finds its way to our book shelves and into our magazines.

If we are what we read, as has been said over and over again, then we need to recognize that Christian literature is basic to the life of the church and of the nation. And if Christian literature is to have its place in our homes and our libraries, it will

be through the efforts and influence of Christian people. This is a responsibility we cannot shrug off.

Copies of the Bible are available to all. Bible stories have been prepared for the reading of children and young people. Books and pamphlets can be had on Christian themes for information and inspiration; our brotherhood publishing house prepares literature for all ages.

It is the responsibility of Christian people to be aware of these vast resources and make them known to others.

- By the reading of Christian literature:
- The church lives and prospers.
- Church leaders become aware of world conditions and the need for Christian action.
- Homes are transformed into schools of Christian living.
- Children are taught the way of life.
- The destiny of our nation is determined.

Stories Of Jesus

Tell me the stories of Jesus

I love to hear;

Things I would ask Him to tell me

If He were here:

Scenes by the wayside,

Tales of the sea,

Stories of Jesus,

Tell them to me.

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by G. Bomley Oxnam from the World Council of Churches, which just met at Amsterdam. Bishop Oxnam was just elected as the American representative at the Amsterdam meeting. A generous part of the program of the Convention will be devoted to the Crusade for A Christian World.

Public Utilities Refund

Many of our members are receiving refund checks. Don't forget the Church. May we again suggest that it would be a boon to our building program for you to turn this money over to our Building Fund.

General Council

The September General Council meeting will be in the evening. Tuesday, September 21st, 8:00 P.M. The Ruth Circle is in charge of the worship period and the program will be given by the Evening Guild. The Topic, "Our Church and Its Place in the Community." The Esther Circle will have charge of refreshments.

The Executive will meet prior to the General meeting at 7:15.

Annual Harvest Ingathering for Emily E. Flinn Home

It is time to prepare for our annual Harvest Ingathering of food and other gifts to the Emily E. Flinn Home at Marion. This Home is dependent on the help given by our churches in a very real sense. This year our meeting will be at the Home in the **afternoon**, leaving the Church about noon and arriving in Marion in time to have a program and light refreshments. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, which is our regular Council Day. Those who have cars, and are planning to go to Marion, please notify Mrs. Sigrist or Mrs. Vaught. We want to see a large turn out for this very pleasant occasion. You will want to see the progress which has been made on their building. Keep this date open. Every person in the Church who wishes to go to Marion will be welcomed.

Religious Education Week—September 26 to October 3rd

This week will afford the last opportunity before the Fall quarter for our Church School Officers and Teachers to complete their plans for the Fall and Winter period in our Church School.

School of Missions—September 29-30

The women who would be interested in attending this School should get in touch with Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, President of the Woman's Council.

October 7th

Church School Workers dinner sponsored by the Associated Churches will be held on Thursday, October 7. This dinner is open to teachers and officers of the Church School. Representatives from the churches belonging to the Associated Churches will be present.

Community Church School of Religion—October 19

This year the Community School, a union project of the Associated Churches, will be held at the Trinity English Lutheran Church. Any members of the congregation interested in preparing for teaching are asked to get in touch with the Superintendent of our Church School.

NOTES

Among those still vacationing in various parts of the country are Mr. P. H. Somers in the Smoky Mountains; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, in Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ludwig in New England. We have received word from all these people.

Among the Sick

We are asked to keep in our prayers Mrs. Delmas Young, Mr. George Frost. Mrs. George Krall is convalescing nicely since her illness this summer.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

This Sunday is the last Sunday before we begin our Loyalty Campaign. It is most gratifying to find that most people who have been asked to serve are heartily entering into this program. We urge all our members to make these next weeks a "must time" to come to Church and to the Church School.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Sunday is Promotion Sunday. All the children in our Church School should be present this Sunday for their promotion. Each child will be moved up according to his age and grade in School to the next class.

Loyalty Program. One of the goals of our Crusade for a Christian World concerns increased enrollment and attendance in our Church School. There were over 40,000 added to the Church membership of our Brotherhood and almost an equal number added to the enrollment of our Sunday Schools. During these 13 weeks First Christian Church will make a special effort to increase our enrollment and attendance at the Church School. Each Class is asked to consider ways and means to carry out this program. Every teacher will carefully prepare the lesson and introduce interesting and effective features in their class study.

Next Sunday will be **Membership Sunday**. Every Class this Sunday should make assignments and see that every member is invited and urged to come on October 3rd, which is Rally Day.

YOUTH PROGRAM

The young people of our Church have had several committee meetings with plans for launching an enlarged Youth program for our Church. On October 1st, from 7 to 9 P.M. there will be Open House for the High School Young People and for the older young people who are members or friends of the Church.

This new program will inaugurate a Sunday evening activity. Other features will include athletic activities, social parties, and study and worship services. The Junior Board of Deacons, the High School Department, and the Lakoda Class are co-operating in this enterprise. Mr. Rolland Ripple is the teacher of the Lakoda Class, Miss Ruby Whisman is the teacher of the High School Class. Miss Evelyn Powell will assist in this new youth program. Also, Mr. Marvin Crouse will introduce a new feature which will be presented at the Open House on Sunday, October 3rd. Don Gene Munro is president of the Junior Board of Deacons. Mardelle Fisher is president of the Lakoda Class. Miss Carol Wilson is secretary and Miss Margaret Powers is president of the High School group.

● TRAINING FOR SERVICE

Disciples of Christ, through its state and national religious education staffs, provided this summer opportunities for the training of young people and adults as follows:

- 17 Laboratory Training Schools, staffed by 85 leaders, in which 500 teachers were enrolled;
- 20 Adult Conferences, with 160 leaders, and enrolling 1,500;
- 112 Young People's Conferences, led by 1,500 trained workers, and enrolling 12,000 students.



● GREAT THINGS

Miss Myrtle Furman writes about the camping season at Kotmi, India. At such times, the missionaries, with Bible women and evangelists, go out into nearby villages and camp for a period of time, to preach and teach the Gospel.

The village people welcomed us gladly. All day long, people were coming to our tents for medicine, often bringing the patient with them. Some came to purchase gospel portions which we sell for one-half cent each.

In one village the headman with several of his grandchildren, along with thirty or forty men and many children, gathered on our camping ground almost as soon as we arrived — before we got out tents pitched. When I said, "We are happy to come to your beautiful village," he replied, "We are certainly most delighted to receive you here."

Then he went on to say, "My grandchildren want to purchase books." I thought maybe he meant school books, but he said, "We want your religious books."

This gentleman came to our tents daily, was present in all our night meetings, which we held in front of his house. His lawyer and priest came also. The old priest seemed kind and gentle. I gave him pictures of our Christ. He let us get water from his well.

In every village we found people eager for the message. Our hearts ached for them. The attendance at our evening meetings was always good. We had nothing spectacular, just our singing, Bible reading, prayer, a short talk concerning the Bible, and another to explain the way of salvation. Then some teaching in which we urged them to repeat the Bible verse with us. If we asked questions, they would try to answer.

One man spoke at our meeting, saying, "These are great things you are teaching us."



● TRAVELING LIBRARY

Hazel Green Academy, Hazel Green, Kentucky, is offering a new service to the community and to other schools in the county. Under the direction of Miss Katherine Schutze, formerly our missionary to China, and the school librarian, Mrs. Price Tutt, a mobile library has been organized.

On the first trip out in the county, five schools were visited. The plan is to leave a box of books at a school for a month, then to pick them up and leave another box. There are 52 rural schools in the county. This is the only library service offered.



● DESTROYED CHURCHES

The Nazi occupation of Holland resulted in the destruction of sixty Protestant churches, the serious damaging of forty others, damage or destruction of seventy parsonages, the evacuation of sixty entire congregations, the inundation of thirty parishes by the cutting of dykes, and the death of twelve Protestant ministers (nine of them fathers of young children). This is a report received from the Netherlands by the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. Damage to church property is assessed at approximately \$6,840,000.

*MY MASTER was a helper,
The woes of life he knew,
And he who would be like him
Must be a helper too;
The burden will grow lighter,
If each will take a share,
And where there is a helper
The Master's man is there.*

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MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: The Mark of a Christian.

Preacher: Our Pastor

Music by the Choir

Mr. Boyd Young, Directing

World Wide Communion Sunday can be made the occasion for a rededication of life on the part of each member of our congregation. Where is there a more appropriate place for a rededication of life than at the Communion Table with its emblems — the Bread and the Cup — that speak so eloquently of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Lord upon the cross? When could there be a more appropriate time for a rededication of life than at the end of summer and as the Church begins its autumn's work?

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

REMEMBER, WE ARE KEEPING A RECORD OF YOUR ATTENDANCE TODAY

Open House

The Youth of our Church will hold Open House Sunday, October 3. There will be a Social period held in the Dining Room with group singing, recreation and a fun fest. There will be short talks, a get-acquainted period and a friendship circle. Those featured on the program are: Mr. Marvin Crouse, who will perform some of his magic tricks; Gene Munro, Wm. Munro, Jack Brickley, Miss Evelyn Powell, Miss Margaret Powers, Miss Carol Wilson, Miss Mardelle Fisher, Mr. Rolland Ripple and the Rev. R. T. Beck. All High School and older young people are cordially invited to attend this social function.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Our pastor, Rev. Beck, is spending this week at the International Convention at San Francisco, California. He will be home and in the pulpit next Sunday.

A CALL FOR DEDICATION

There is plenty of faith in this world; if only men would have faith in the best. There is plenty of hope for the world; if only we would hope for the best. There is plenty of love in this world; if only we would love the best. God has done His part. He has filled the earth with goodness, and has given us good measure, pressed down, and overflowing. The weakness comes in our lack of devotion, our poor consecration and our partial dedication to the Son of God in whom we profess to believe.

• AN OFFER TO HELP

Miss Georgia Bateman, missionary nurse to Congo since 1920, arrived on the field again this summer after furlough. She is stationed at the Bolenge Hospital where she has served before. There has been no doctor for Bolenge for many years.

On Monday after her arrival the clinic was opened with 254 patients. As many as 274 have come on some days since.

Afternoons and Saturdays have been used to make the hospital ready for occupancy for, as she says, "after a home or a hospital has been left to spiders, cockroaches, rats, etc., for a year there is always some cleaning to be done before you can go to work again."

Four new boys and four old workers are in the classes for hospital aides which Miss Bateman teaches from 6:00 to 7:00 each morning, and 4:00 to 5:00 in the afternoons.

The spirit of the Christian workers is shown in the note written to Miss Bateman by one of the teachers who came in one morning with a sick child: "Mama, I notice how busy you are. I don't know medicine, but I could do the book work—getting out records and writing new records—if you wish. I'm not doing this for money. I only want to help while I'm here."



• CLEANSE THE LEPER

Leprosy, the scourge of the centuries, heavily infests the densely populated area surrounding the Mungeli station of the India Christian Mission. The Mission is attacking the problem in two ways—through the Victoria Leper Home on the main highway between Mungeli and Takhatpur, and through clinics at the hospital in Mungeli, at the Leper Home, and in several villages.

The Victoria Leper Home is built on a ten acre plot of land and is owned by the Mission to Lepers, of London. The manpower for the work is provided by our India Mission.

Since 1933, Dr. Philip James has been the medical supervisor. Dr. D. A. McGavran is the superintendent.

The physical equipment consists of a hospital, a chapel, and living quarters for 88 patients. About 75% of these are Christians and all who are able attend the chapel services. Every effort is made to detect and treat new cases before the need arises to send them to the Home where the more chronic cases are treated.

Such service has been a part of the work of our India Mission for fifty years.



• THE CHURCH BRANCHES OUT

Cosio is a typical, ugly little ranch town in Mexico. The houses are of adobe, the crooked streets are full of dust. When there is plenty of water in the public well, it is kept clean by the green scum that forms on top of it! During the dry season water becomes very scarce. The men and big boys carry it from the well for their animals, but the women and children have to carry most of it for the house. It is no wonder that little children get grubby looking.

Our church in Cosio is one of the oldest in central Mexico but until recently we have done nothing for the people except preach to them. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kepple have been going out from Aguascalientes for the regular preaching services.

When one of the oldest Christians there heard that they wanted to begin some social work in Cosio, he offered the use of an unoccupied room in his house. Tables and a bookcase were made, some old chairs mended and painted. Games and books were donated by the missionary's children. Just before Christmas last year the game and reading room was opened.

At first only the church people came but now almost all the little boys in town, and some of the girls, come in to play. Bursts of laughter and gay repartee cause passers-by to stop at the windows to see what is going on. No longer are the poolhall and the saloon the only spots for fun and play in Cosio.

EARTH'S COMMON THINGS

Dream not of noble service elsewhere wrought;
The simple duty that awaits thy hand
Is God's voice uttering a divine command,
Life's common deeds build all that saints have thought.

—M. J. SAVAGE



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Let the minister say, "This one thing I do." Let the life-recruit resolve, "I press on toward the mark of the high calling." Let the church member proclaim, "I will take up the cross and follow Him." Let us so resolve, then do it, and we shall see the Kingdom coming in power and in might.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

October 3, J. M. Fitch, Owen Vaught.

October 10, H. G. Hiler, Hugh D. Rice.

October 17, Dr. A. C. Worley, B. W. Leversee.

October 24, J. Z. Berlien, John F. Davis.

October 31, A. M. Campbell, W. C. Birkhold.

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Mr. Arza Smith, Captain, H-15765; Kenneth V. Lytle, Joseph W. Clark, Orville E. Miller, H. C. Banet, E. T. Fusselman, Glenn R. Miller and Floyd E. Morrical.
(If unable to serve please call your Captain).

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Regular monthly meeting of the Official Board will be held Wednesday, October 6, at 7:45 P.M.

NOTES

Mr. Robert M. Hopkins, Sr., has undergone surgery, recently, at Ann Arbor, Michigan. Mr. Ray Barnett, Box 253, Highgrove, Calif., suffered a broken leg in an accident. Mrs. Harold Bolyard, 1834 Drexel Blvd., is confined to her home because of illness.

HOW'S YOUR PLEDGE?

The third quarter for 1948 is ending. Our Honor Roll, listing those with pledges paid up to date, will be published in the early October issues of the Tidings.

THE EMILY FLINN HOME HARVEST INGATHERING

This is an annual project with this Church. A harvest ingathering of gifts of food such as staples or canned fruits and vegetables may be brought to the Church any Sunday or week day until October 19, at which time the Women of the Church will visit the Home for an afternoon meeting. If you haven't visited the Home recently, you will want to see the progress that is being made on their new building. Gifts of money will be used to purchase canned fruits for the Home. See Mrs. Durfee or Mrs. Vaught for further information.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL NOTES

The Martha Group will meet at the home of Mrs. Owen Vaught, 4035 S. Fairfield, Thursday, October 7, at 2:15 P.M. Mrs. David Hogg will review her book, "Laughing into Glory."

The Ruth Group will meet at the home of Mrs. Mrs. Leo Miller, 2210 Ardmore, Tuesday, October 5, at 2:15 P.M. We would like to have a full attendance.

The Dorcas Group will meet with Mrs. H. M. Flowers, 1616 Rumsey, Thursday, October 7, at 2:15 P.M. Mrs. John Davis will give the devotions and Mrs. H. E. Greenwood will be the guest speaker.

The Naomi Group will meet with Mrs. David Hogg, 2125 N. Anthony, Wednesday, October 6, for a 1:30 dessert luncheon. This is Guest Day. We should like to have a full attendance.

The Rachel Group will meet with Mrs. Martin Wagner, 521 E. Masterson, Tuesday, October 5, at 2:15 P.M. Mrs. Clyde Driver will give the devotions.

MEN'S FORUM

The Men's Forum will hold their first meeting of the Fall the second Sunday evening in October. Further details will be in next week's Tidings.



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SUNDAY IS YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday is also the first day of the WEEK OF THE MINISTRY. This is the week when our Brotherhood honors its ministers, Past, Present and Future. Over two thousand youth of High School and College age have volunteered for Christian Service in the ministry, in education and missionary work. This has happened since the beginning of the Crusade for A Christian World. The Church must give inspiration and encouragement to our promising young people. This Sunday, Youth will have part in our Church Service.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: "When One Knows Too Much"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Music: Our Choir

Under the Direction of Mr. Boyd Young

In addition to the offering by the choir there will be a special solo. All of this adds, with our organ, a beautiful background to our Worship of God.

Be on time and enjoy the fellowship which is offered you in song, meditation and prayer.

CHURCH SCHOOL — —9:30 A.M.

OBSERVING YOUTH DAY, Young people will have charge of the opening exercises and will present special features. New interest is being observed in our Church School. One young married couple observed, "This is the first time we have been to Sunday School and we like it." Don't wait to be invited but come next Sunday.

A NEW PROGRAM FOR C. Y. F. AND OLDER YOUTH

The High School Youth, under the leadership of Miss Ruby Whisman, will meet at 6 o'clock. There will be a social period followed by a discussion.

At 7:15 o'clock. The older young people will join the High School group in a joint Worship service lead by Miss Evelyn Powell.

At 7:30 o'clock. The Mystery Program. Who is the Mystery Man?

Marvin Crouse, master of ceremonies, will conduct this part of the program. Everyone will be given a chance. There will be heaps of fun.

This will be followed by a discussion period for the older young people.

Bowling League. This league has been successfully organized. There is room for a few more bowlers. If you are interested see Don Munro, Bill Munro or Jack Brickley.

LOYALTY CRUSADE

The Loyalty Crusade is under way. At the back of the Church on Sunday morning will be found the report on the large blackboard of last Sunday's attendance and the standing of the teams. You can help your team to win by

• MAKING PEACE SECURE

Our apprehension at the precariousness of our diplomatic relationships, our uneasiness over domestic economic conflicts, and our concern about racial tensions are all part of the insistent problem of how to make secure the peace we have won.

While the Christian faith does not pretend to have specific answers to involved social problems, it does declare that men must have respect for each other. It insists that we approach these intricate problems as Christian brothers. Only so will the solutions to our problems of peace be found.

—ROY G. ROSS,
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Religious Education.*

• A BRAVE CHRISTIAN

Dr. Martin Niemoeller, German Protestant pastor and vice-chairman of the Evangelical Church of Germany, will visit the United States this winter. This visit will be sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ, the American Section of the Lutheran World Convention and the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Dr. Niemoeller spent eight years in concentration camps in Germany for defying Hitler. It will be remembered that the churches alone, of all institutions of Germany, dared to stand against Hitler, and for that stand they suffered untold persecution, both pastors and congregations.



AMERICANS ALL!

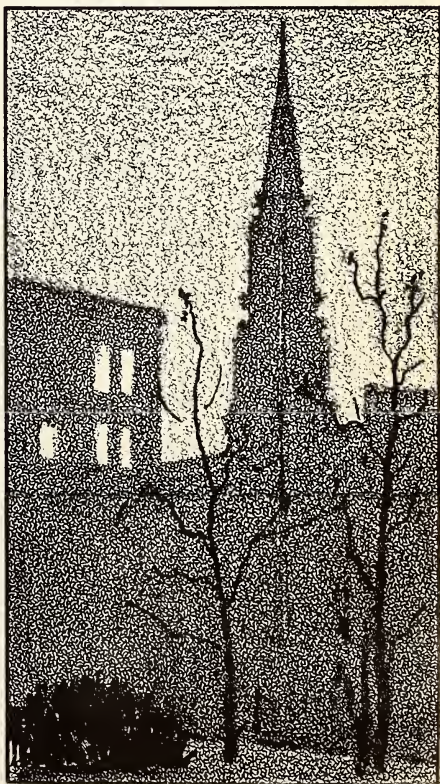
Four active members of a junior boys' club at Mexican Christian Institute, San Antonio, Texas. In an area of the city which houses at least 100,000 people of Mexican descent, our social center ministers to the needs of the total family. The Mexican Christian Church nearby works closely with the Institute.



O PRAISE HIS NAME

As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor die the strains of praise away.

—JOHN ELLERTON.



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being present next Sunday at the Sunday School and Church period. When you are called give hearty cooperation to your leader who is going all out to make your Church a real force in the community.

CALLED MEETING GENERAL COUNCIL

A General Council meeting is called for the purpose of voting on the recommendation from the executive committee and also for the election of officers. Tuesday, October 26. 7:45 P.M.

EVENING GUILD

The Evening Guild will meet with Miss Leah Miller, 441 E. Wildwood Ave. Monday evening, October 11. Miss Ruby Whisman will give the devotions. The program theme is, "Speak To Us, Frontiers." Several members will take part on the program.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Estella Shockey is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

MEN'S FORUM

The Men's Forum will meet Sunday evening, October 10, at 6:15 P.M. Mr. K. L. Stickler, manager of Wayne Co-operative Inc., will be the speaker. He will show films which will be of interest to all. e

GAS REFUND

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Hopkins turned in their gas refund check for the Building Fund last Sunday. They have given us a fine example. Others will also join in this program.

HONOR ROLL

Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Beck, Mrs. Ethel Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Anders, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ashe, Mrs. Jeannette Barbier, Mrs. Alma Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Berlien, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mrs. H. J. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, Mrs. E. E. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Buchanan, Mrs. Stella Burkhalter, Mrs. and Mrs. G. C. Cahow, Mrs. Wm. Coblenz, Mrs. Irene Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clipp, Miss Emma Crabill, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crouse, Lowell Dare, Mrs. Rhoda Depotty, Mrs. Ella Diss, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donohue, Miss Wilda Donohue, Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly, Mr. and Mrs. Don J. Eyer, Miss Mardelle Fisher, Miss Anita Fitch, Fitch Brothers, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Flaugh, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fuchshuber, Miss Janice Fuchshuber, Miss Bonnie Fusselman, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Mr. and Mrs. Nettie Funk, Mrs. Lillian Gagnon, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harris, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Heller, Mrs. Anna Hirschy, Miss Sally Hirschy, Mrs. David Hogg, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hopkins, Jr., Mrs. F. O. Hoover, Miss Kathryn Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Mrs. Oscar Isay. (To be Continued) .

PART OF THE COMMUNITY

As part of the Community we wish to call the attention of our people to Fire Prevention Week. It behooves every citizen to be informed and to take precautions so that this great destroyer can be checked. We are also asked to remember our Community Chest which makes it possible for us to give all we can to local charity.

RECOGNITION DINNER

Many of our Officers and Teachers will be present at the Recognition Dinner sponsored by the Associated Churches. Our Sunday School honors our teachers by paying the cost of this dinner.

OUR PASTOR

Our pastor, in his work in the community, is not only a member of the Executive committee of the Associated Churches but is a member of the Board of Directors of the Salvation Army. He is also Chairman of the Program Committee of the Fort Wayne Ministerial Association. At San Francisco, he was elected president of the Alumni of the Camel Club of Yale University. The new president of the International Convention, Rev. F. E. Davisson, as well as Gaines Gook, who is secretary of the International Convention is a member of this Club.



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FAMILY DAY THIS SUNDAY

As our Church Loyalty Crusade progresses it becomes evident that each of us must make a real effort to get acquainted. In an unusual way we are coming to know each other better. There is no better place to become acquainted with those we ought to know than in the House of God. Each of us should consider ourselves a committee of one to greet those that sit about us in Church and Sunday School.

This Sunday if you are a family be in Church and Sunday School. In your heart make a silent prayer for the families of our Church.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: "Things Can Be Different"

Preacher: Our Pastor

Our Church Choir is growing. If you have a suitable voice make arrangements to become a member. Our Church sings beautiful hymns. It is inspiring on Sunday morning to see how our people enter reverently into the worship of our Church by their responsive reading and their joining in the singing.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Our Youth conducted the opening part of our Church School last Sunday. We want to congratulate these young people. Our young men served as Deacons at the Communion Table. As we note the interest of the youth our faith in the future of our Christ is increased.

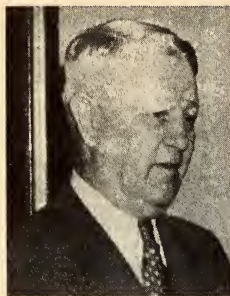
Next Sunday is Family Day. Many of our families will be present in Sunday School. You, too, will be happier if you are there as a family. Mr. Parkerson has a family who will participate in the opening services next Sunday morning.

OUR YOUTH PROGRAM

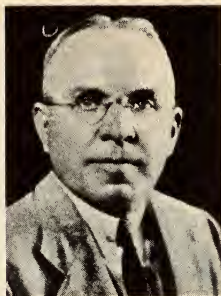
Our youth program got underway last Sunday to a good start. Many are trying to discover the mystery family. Additional clues will be given this next Sunday evening when Marvin Crouse will again preside as Master of Ceremonies. The joint worship service led by Miss Evelyn Powell has set a standard for this year.

High School and College age young people, joined in a good time at the Bowling Alleys last Saturday night. You again have opportunity this next Saturday.

On October 12 our representatives met at the YMCA and entered our Church in the Church Basketball League. News will appear from time to time of this League in the Tidings.



H. B. McCormick



R. M. Hopkins

• NEW PRESIDENT FOR UNITED SOCIETY

H. B. McCormick, pastor of the Lakewood, Ohio, Christian Church, has been elected the new president of The United Christian Missionary Society. This action was taken at Columbus, Ohio, on August 7, during a business session of the Society in connection with the International Convention.

Mr. McCormick succeeds Dr. R. M. Hopkins who is retiring. He will assume his duties on September 1 and as soon as possible will move to Indianapolis.

For seven years Mr. McCormick served as head of the department of promotion of the United Society, resigning in 1930 to take the pastorate of the Lakewood Church. Prior to his work with the United Society, he served as pastor of churches in Ohio and in Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. Hopkins, in retiring as president of the United Christian Missionary Society, is continuing his service to the brotherhood in becoming representative to the churches in Europe. His headquarters will be in Geneva, Switzerland, where he will work very closely with the World Council of Churches in offering every possible service to the churches of Europe which have suffered so severely during the war years.

• WORK FOR THE CHURCHES

According to Pastor Adolf Freudenberg, in charge of relief work for the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland, there are, despite the Nazi purge, 5,000 adherents of the Jewish religion in Berlin today; but there are also 9,000 Jewish-Christians or non-Aryan Christians on the rolls of Protestant churches in Berlin.

He says that world Jewish groups have been helping the Berlin Jews in their refugee program; but the plight of the Jewish-Christians is even worse, and the World Council of Churches is endeavoring to aid them. Eventually, it is expected, some hundreds will be permitted to migrate to the Americas.



• ANOTHER YEAR ENDED

Sumankhetan, girls' vocational school of our India Mission, located at Pendra Road closed another school year with a feeling of success and accomplishment.

A nursery-kindergarten of ten small children, six orphans and four children of the teachers in the school, was a project of the Child Care class. They cooked a balanced and varied noon meal for the children, supervised naps, and gave daily baths.

A Home Science practice house provided opportunity for girls to carry on household duties under the supervision of the teachers who lived in the house and ate the meals which the girls cooked.

Handicrafts were continued in all classes of the school. Girls made their own clothes and also did all kinds of handwork which was gladly bought by visitors to the school.

Gardens of the school provided vegetable food for all those living on the compound, as well as practical problems in buying and selling for students.

Fifteen girls completed the ninth class seven of whom have already entered nurse training. Others who are too young to take up this work look forward to an additional year's work at Sumankhetan, if a tenth class can be offered next year.



R.N.S. Photo

"And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit,
filled with wisdom."

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GENERAL COUNCIL

The Woman's Council will have their program at the Emily Flinn Home Tuesday afternoon, October 19. Mrs. Joseph Clark will give readings and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist will give a short talk on "The Amsterdam Conference."

Each Circle is to plan transportation for their members. Those needing a way to go, please call Mrs. Sigrist, H-78483. Cars will leave the Church at noon.

A general business meeting is called for Tuesday night, October 26. Besides the usual business, there will be an election of officers and a note on the suggested change in groups. Complete plans for the Bazaar and supper to be held in November will be discussed.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Estella Shockey is still a patient in the Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. William Crouse is a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Delmas Young is a patient in Methodist hospital Room No. B-718, Indianapolis.

Mr. Dale Hiler is ill at his home.

Let us be mindful of these friends when we pray.

C. Y. F.

The following officers were selected by the High School and C. Y. F. groups to serve for the coming year: Co-presidents, Robert Whitton and Normand Horn. Secy-Treas. Miss Jeannette Redman.

We wish to announce a joint meeting of the High School and Older Young people next Sunday evening at 6:00 o'clock. There will be a Worship program and the Mystery Family program. This will be followed by a Hayride. Come prepared for a good time.

There was a nice group out for bowling last week. Miss Ruby Whisman had the highest score of 155. We are expecting more at our next game. We meet at the Zion's Lutheran Hall on Saturday and bowl from 7 to 9 P.M.

We had a group of 40 present last Sunday evening. All were interested in the Mystery Family program.

JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATES

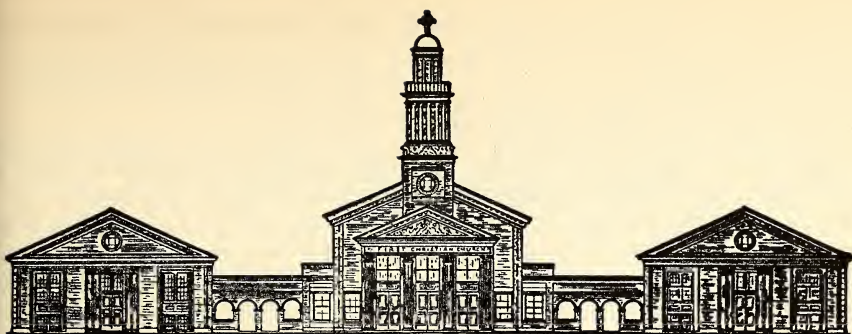
The Junior and Intermediate departments of the Sunday School will have a picnic at the Branstrator home on the Coverdale Road, next Saturday. The young people are asked to be at the Church at 10 o'clock in the morning. Wear old clothing and bring 20c. The food will be furnished.

HARVEST INGATHERING, OCTOBER 12

We will leave the Church Tuesday, October 19, at noon to drive to Marion, Indiana, where we will hold our General Council Program. The Rachel group has charge of the program and the Dorcas Group will serve refreshments. Mrs. Thurman will give the devotions. There will be transportation for any one who may wish to go. Let us have a good turnout. If you have not already contributed money toward the Harvest Ingathering Fund, you are privileged to bring anything you wish in the way of canned goods or staple groceries. The Home needs our support.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ellison, Miss Elaine Jones, Rev. Richard Jones, Mr. and Mrs. John Juday, Mrs. Ella King, Mr. Robert Kinnaman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kirby, Mrs. Pearl Koegel, Mrs. Ray Koster, Mrs. Cora Kover, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Kreps, Mrs. Josephine Lahmeyer, Mr. C. A. Lehneke, Miss Donna Leversee, Mr. B. W. Leversee, Mrs. Emily Lowman, Mrs. J. A. Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ludwig, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCarel, Miss Marguerite McGuire, Mrs. C. R. McMaken, Mr. and Mrs. Collins Mannan, Mrs. E. T. Metcalf, Mrs. Beatrice Michael, Miss Ruby Whisman, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moffitt, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Munson, Miss Dorothy Murphy, Mrs. Cora Nowells, Mrs. Margaret Owen, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parkerson, Mrs. Alpha Piercy, Mrs. Lois Pither, Mr. and Mrs. Verl Pribble, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Pritchard.



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GUEST SUNDAY

Bring a guest with you this Sunday. Especially a neighbor or a friend who has no Church home as yet.

Boost Your Church and Church School.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: When You Talk To Yourself

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Those of you present last Sunday will remember in the adult group our family who presided.

This Sunday we shall have a guest to preside at our opening exercises. Also special music.

Saturday, the Junior and Intermediate group had a picnic at the Branstrator Country Home where they were guests of Bill and Karen Branstrator.

Everyone who comes to the Church School is enjoying and enriching their Christian experience.

The Children's Choir will practice Saturday at 10:45 A.M.

C Y F and O Y F

High School C. Y. F. at 6:00 P.M.

Older Youth at 7:15 P.M.

The Mystery Family has not yet been discovered. If you are a young person you are eligible to come. Marvin Crouse is Master of Ceremonies.

A Hayride was enjoyed by a large number of our young people.

Other Social Events Lie Ahead!

Each Sunday there is a fine discussion program and an inspiring Worship service.

The Junior Board of Deacons, Miss Ruby Whisman, Miss Evelyn Powell assisted by Mr. Rolland Ripple are promoting these Sunday evening programs and they are exceptional.

Bowling next Saturday night at Zion's Lutheran Church, 7 to 9 P.M.

Bob Whitton had high score 166 last Saturday night.

Movies are scheduled for next Sunday night.

Pay Your Church First!

Your credit rating is high? Of course, because you pay your bills promptly or regularly? Or do you? All, except the Church?

Your church's credit is kept high as you pay your obligations to your church promptly. What is your credit rating in your Church—or in Heaven? Are you prompt, good, slow—or without credit?

Of course you pay—but it is better for your Church if you pay promptly, in advance. But you hazard your Church's credit when you are slow or irregular.

PAY YOUR CHURCH FIRST!

• RELIEF IN CHINA

This word concerning relief work in China comes from J. H. McCallum who is back in Nanking (although without his family) hard at work with the Christians in the various stations of our Mission:

"An extensive campaign for the distribution of relief is under way in Nanking. UNRRA and its China counterpart, CNRRA, have been furnishing aid in the form of clothing, powdered milk, medicines, flour, with other things to come. The Christian forces in the city have organized to help in the distribution. When the key man to head up the office and administration force became unavailable, it was fortunate that our own Hwang Hsiao-chi had just come back from West China and was looking for a job. So we have the pleasure of furnishing the administrative officer for this job and he is a good man. They are now busy in the preparation to distribute five hundred bales of clothing from the U.S.A."



• DOCTORS ARE BUSY

Drs. Howard and Marjorie Horner are back at Wema, Belgian Congo, after their furlough in the United States.

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Baker are at Mondombe, after furlough, where they have served for fifteen years.

With Dr. Henderson at Monieka, we now have doctors in three of our five hospitals in Congo. But these doctors are handicapped in the areas they must serve, in lack of equipment, in aides whose training has been very meager for the service they must render.

Medical missionary work is a major responsibility in Congo. We as a brotherhood must make it possible through providing adequate buildings and facilities, training classes for native helpers, missionary nurses to assist the doctors, and above all a sympathetic attitude toward the problems of the consecrated men and women who give their lives to this service.

• A LETTER FROM MEXICO

DEAR FRIENDS:

For the first fifteen years of my missionary experience I was located in the city of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, and although in more recent years I have travelled about more in the country work, this last year is my first experience to feel really rooted in the rural work. We moved out to Venado, a little town of about five thousand, and with a much more rural atmosphere than a town of that size in the United States.

The reason for the change was to begin in a small way a new project for the girls of our rural churches who have had no opportunity to finish their primary education. We have only a few this year, but hope to be able to care for more later.

They are in the primary school of the federal government, and we do not try to duplicate in the home what the government can offer. In the home we are giving them complimentary training, enriching what the school gives, and especially training in Christian character.

Our girls come from very poor homes as most of the ranch families are reduced to the barest essentials in material comforts, and it is even necessary to cultivate a desire for a more gracious way of living.

There are few Protestant Christians in the town, but we have a group of children from some of the homes and the girls with us from a Bible class for Sunday afternoons. Of course, we have our family daily readings and devotions each day, and a special study early Sunday mornings.

There are some Christian families on ranches in this region and we have used the occasional visits to town of these to give Bible teaching.

We hope ten years from now that there will be Christian homemakers on all the ranches where our girls come from, and that the home and life of each one will radiate Christian joy and helpfulness.

— HALLIE STRANGE
Missionary to Mexico

*“Let all the earth keep silence
before Him.”*



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A Humorous Stewardship Ditty

Once there was a Christian;
He had a pious look,
His consecration was complete
Except His pocketbook.

He'd put a nickle on the plate
And then, with might and main,
He'd sing: "When we asunder part
It gives us inward pain."

We know our members are not in this category of givers, but we would like to remind those who have not made a pledge to the Church this year to contact the Office at their earliest convenience. —Clipped

Honor To Our Members

Miss Mildred Hartman presided recently at a tea, as president of the Children's Educational Group.

James Crouse has been recommended as an alternate to the United States Military Academy at West Point by our Congressman. Congratulations.

Leadership Training Course

We have four in the Leadership Training School of the Associated Churches. There is time yet to enter these Classes if you desire. Speak to our Superintendent, Mr. Dale Parkerson.

A Sunday Tragedy

While this little article is not a criticism on our Church School teachers, generally, but it does suggest a way in which any Church School teacher dare NOT conduct his or herself.

"The Sunday Church School was over. A door opens. An attractive young woman comes out carrying her Bible under her arm. A little group of young girls is thronging around her affectionately, and they follow her down the street.

Another door opens, another teacher comes out with a Bible in his hand. He is a middle aged man. He is going home, so is his class of adolescent boys. Another comes out and still another and their pupils follow them. The very teachers to whom the destinies of boys and girls have been entrusted are leading them away from the worship of God's people at the Lord's appointed hour in the Lord's Day.

The Sunday Church School Teacher who by his or her example leads boys and girls away from the worship service following the teaching period has done more harm by that act than all he or she did good by teaching them the lesson during the school hour." —Clipped

Our teachers go to Church but may they be urged to encourage their pupils to attend Church also.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Delmar and Eugene Fitch attended services of their Aunt and Uncle, Mr. and Mrs. William Adams. The service was presided by the Rev. Mr. Shaw of Ellyria who was a former student of Mr. Adams at Hiram College. Mr. and Mrs. Adams' son is a teacher of a large men's class at Yakima, Washington.

District Convention

The District Convention will be held at the Christian Church, Kendallville, Sunday, October 24, at 3 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. First Christian Church, Fort Wayne should be represented there.

State Convention, W. C. T. U.

The State Convention of the Indiana Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held at the First Methodist Church, October 26-29. Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, Professor of Philosophy at Earlham College and Rev. Gil Dodds, the "Flying Parson" are among the speakers.

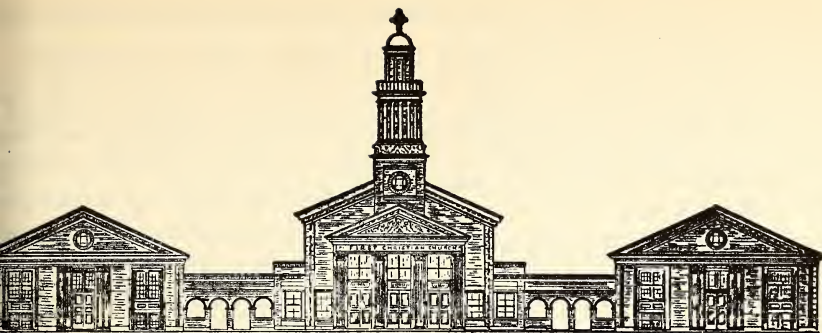
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Mrs. Mary Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Brudi, Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Ditton, David Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Follis, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Rayl, Mrs. Rosella Randolph, Mrs. Mallie Reidt, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rice, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Richard, Mrs. Jessie Richwine, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Ripple, Mrs. Harold Roberts, Mrs. Geo. C. Robinson, Mr. F. H. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, Mr. W. W. Rousseau, Mrs. Olive Roy, Mr. James Rupel, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ripple.

ILLNESS

Mr. Frank Frame is now a patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Delmas Young has returned to her home, R. R. 9, Maysville Road.



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RECOGNITION SUNDAY

ATTENDANCE AT WORSHIP IS A VOTE FOR THE CHURCH
GET THE VOTE OUT THIS SUNDAY

At the morning worship service the officers and teachers of our Church School will receive special recognition. This part of the service will be conducted by Mr. Dale Parkerson.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: When People Talk About You **Preacher:** Our Pastor
The Choir will be directed by Mr. Boyd Young

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

The best way to give recognition to the Officers and Teachers of our Church School is to be present next Sunday in Class and tell them personally that you appreciate their faithfulness and what they are trying to do.

GIFT TO OUR BABIES

A GERMICIDAL LAMP has been given to our Nursery by a man and his wife out of their affections for the Church. This lamp will destroy germs and bacteria in the air and will make our Nursery a much safer place for our babies. Parents can bring their babies with this additional assurance of our concern and care for them while their parents are in Church. We express our appreciation to this fine couple.

SUNDAY IS REFORMATION SUNDAY

The Associated Churches is presenting a Reformation Service next Sunday at the Congregational Church. Your pastor and many other ministers of this city will participate in this service. Rev. Paul Krauss of the English Lutheran Church will bring the message. THIS SERVICE WILL BE AT 3:00 O'CLOCK SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

TO WHOM RECOGNITION IS DUE

NURSERY: Mrs. James Hirschy, Mrs. Dale Parkerson. **BEGINNERS I:** Mrs. Clay Orchard, Mrs. Collins Mannan. **BEGINNERS II:** Mrs. Harold Roberts, Mrs. Hugh Rice. **PRIMARY I:** Mrs. Dale Hiler, Mrs. Ethel Allen. **PRIMARY II:** Mrs. Earl Fuselman. **PRIMARY III:** Mrs. Irene Cline. **PRIMARY SUPT:** Mrs. Walter Rodgers. **PRIMARY and BEGINNERS SECRETARY:** Miss Ernie Owen. **JUNIOR I:** Mrs. Robert Beck. **JUNIOR II:** Mrs. Ray Koster. **JUNIOR III:** Miss Anita Fitch. **INTERMEDIATE I:** Mrs. David Hogg. **INTERMEDIATE II:** Mr. Alan Bell, Mr. Robert ASHE and Mr. Delmas Young. **JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE SUPT:** Mrs. Robert Beck. **CHORISTER:**

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK
OCTOBER 31 to NOVEMBER 7

OUR CHRISTIAN WITNESS

Our Christian witness is the message of Jesus Christ. In a world where millions are without Christ and the hope of salvation, the Christian witness offers hope.

Our Christian witness is the Christian way of life—a way of life in direct opposition to the secularism of today. Secular forces are spending billions to witness for their philosophy and their products. During 1946 American business spent \$3,007,290,000 for advertising through newspapers, magazines, radio, and direct mail. Against this witness for a secular and materialistic way of life, the churches of America spent only \$783,000,000 to advertise, promote, and witness for the Christian way of life at home and abroad. The 1,696,051 members of our brotherhood spent \$32,043,179 in witnessing for the Christian way of life.

FROM FEAR TO FAITH

Says a recent statement of the Society of Friends (Quakers) in Philadelphia: "The world needs a change in outlook—from fear to faith based on the kind of love that Jesus taught, from compulsion, with its trust in weapons, to cooperation based on the dignity and worth of the human person.

"We feel constrained by the power of God to voice a warning to all people: there is no safety, no security, no peace in armaments, however deadly they may be made. The trust of mankind must be in the power of the living God.

"It is no easy way, but there can be peace only in a world order founded upon the spirit and precepts given to all men by the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

MEMBERS WHO MOVE

Nearly 600,000 members of Christian churches moved from the home church during and in the years following the war. Today, although about 65,000 names are dropped annually from church rolls, the current non-resident member roll stands at more than 125,000!

Active membership in a local church is essential to the full expression of Christian faith. Failure to be active in a local church because of indifference is both a sign of moral weakness and a contributing factor to the increase of that indifference.

The magnitude and seriousness of the problem confronting our own brotherhood is obvious. The loss of 125,000 members through failure to continue active membership is equivalent to the closing of 1000 churches of 250 members each.

More important—the restoration of those 125,000 members to active participation in the life and work of a local congregation would be equivalent to starting 1000 new churches of 250 members each.

The reinstatement of these names on active church rolls is part of our evangelistic effort in the Crusade to lift the membership of our brotherhood to two million resident members by 1950.





**We would see Jesus, and let him impart
The truth he came among us to reveal,
Till in the gracious message we should feel
The beating of God's heart.**

W. J. Suckow.



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OUR YOUTH GROUP

The High School C. Y. F. will meet at 6:00 P. M. The Older Young People will join in a combined worship service at 7:15 P. M. Our Youth group have taken as a project for the next two Sundays the "Pack-A-Towel" program for the needy people of Europe. Doyle Whitton won the prize when he guessed the Mystery Family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crouse, Marilyn and James.

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

Our Bowling League is having good attendance. Several of our young married couples are enjoying this privilege. D. G. Norton piled up the highest score last Saturday.

Our Basketball Team is practicing every week. There is fine material and we have good chances for a top ranking place. It is hoped that many of our church members will attend the games this winter which will be announced through this paper.

Literature Week, October 31st to November 7

Observe Christian Literature week on October 31 to November 7, by taking advantage of our Church library. All those having books out please return them to the Literature chairman in your group, or to Mrs. Don Eyer, or bring them to the social room, Tuesday, October 26.

ILLNESS

John Judy is ill at his home 1613 Short Street.

Mrs. A. B. Sheckler is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. M. G. Heller, is a surgical patient in Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Ellen Buchanan is ill at her home, 1217 McClellan Street.

Mrs. Estella Shockey is still a patient at the Lutheran Hospital.

Kenneth Richwine is in Veterans Hospital, Indianapolis.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Bible Class will meet with Mrs. Irene Kissinger, 2223 California Ave., Friday evening, November 5 at 8 o'clock.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Naomi Circle will meet with Mrs. Myron Cole, 450 Clermont, Wednesday, November 3rd, at 2 P.M. Mrs. Charles Dare will be the guest speaker.

The Martha Circle will meet with Mrs. Charles Dare, 115 E. Masterson, Thursday, November 11th at 2:15 P.M. Mrs. Dale Hiler will present the program.

The Ruth Circle will meet next week with Mrs. N. Newland, 919 Webster St.

The Rachel Circle will meet with Mrs. J. Z. Berlien, 2918 Bowser Ave., Tuesday, November 2. Mrs. Clyde Driver will have the program.

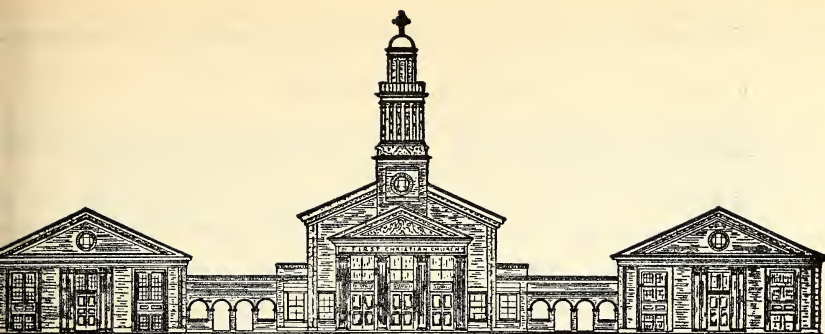
The Dorcas Circle will meet with Mrs. L. S. Sentman, 2017 Medford Drive, Thursday, November 4. Mrs. Edwin Geerken will have the program.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Miss Edna Saxon, Mrs. Millie Scherrer, Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, Mr. and Mrs. R. Schrecongost, Mrs. Lillian Scott, Mrs. Amy Shawhan, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Miss Pauline Sigrist, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Siples, Mr. and Mrs. Arza Smith, Mr. P. H. Somers, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stevenson, Mrs. Curtis Herndon, Mrs. Roger Symms, Mrs. Edith Stevens, Mrs. Merl Teeters, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tharp, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Vaught, Mr. and Mrs. David Vesey, Doyle Whitton, Gerald Whitton, Miss Carol Wilson, Mrs. C. B. Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson, Mrs. C. W. Winfield, Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Worley, Robert Whitton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yentes, Mrs. Nicholas Yonkman, Mr. and Mrs. Bret Young, Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Young, Mrs. Orpha Yost, Miss Ruth Yost, Miss Wilma Yost.

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Congratulations to the new 'Champ' who was born Friday, October 22 to Mr. and Mrs. Grant Munson. Theodore Harve is doing nicely. His mother is in the Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. Munson's mother is here from Elwood where she is a member of the Christian Church.



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SERMON: WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO YOURSELF?

Our pastor will conclude this Sunday his series of sermons on Personality Problems.

MORNING WORSHIP

Be in your place at 10:30, and enjoy our fine Worship service.

GOOD LITERATURE

As part of the service on Sunday morning two laymen will act as Minute-Men.

YOU ARE WHAT YOU READ

These Minute-Men will present in a lively and interesting fashion recommendations to our congregation as to ways for solving our reading problem.

At the back of the Church our Librarian, Miss Ethel Shroyer will have on display some of the books which may be secured from our Church library.

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL

Our congregation had a chance last Sunday to see our Church School Officers and Teachers. We are tops in our personnel and you are depriving your children as well as yourself of a real opportunity in Christian guidance and fellowship if you do not come to Church School on Sunday morning.

HIGH SCHOOL C. Y. F.

The High School C. Y. F. is having a planning retreat. They will meet at the Church at 4:00 o'clock Sunday and will complete plans for the rest of the year. After the reports of the various committees they will have supper together.

EVENING PROGRAM

At 7:15 the two groups, the High School and the older Young people will combine their programs when Mr. Wilkerson of Wheatley Center will be the speaker.

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

As an entertaining feature Marvin Crouse will again be Master of Ceremonies in a Truth or Consequence program. This is following the program of the Mystery Family. Doyle Whitton won the prize when he guessed the family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crouse, James and Marilyn.

YOUNG PEOPLE, A GOOD TIME AWAITS YOU NEXT SUNDAY EVENING

BOWLING LEAGUE

Robert Fahl won the highest score last Saturday with 166. This is still open to other members.

Our Basketball Team is practicing every week.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK

OCTOBER 31 to NOVEMBER 7

A GOOD RECORD

Edwards, Mississippi. Southern Christian Institute last year had an enrollment of 555—45 of whom were veterans, and 119 of whom were rural teachers attending the two extension schools—one on S.C.I. campus and the other in Vicksburg.

The graduating class was the largest in the history of the school—32

from junior college and 59 from high school.

The circulating library traveled to 30 rural schools instead of 10 as formerly.

Practice teachers taught in 7 schools instead of 3 as in other years, thus more rural schools were brought into direct contact with our educational program.



GIRLS LEARN HOMEMAKING

Pendra Road, India. Our Sumankhetan Girls' School has gone one step further in its development this year in that a tenth class has been added. The high school department at Sumankhetan is a special home science school, which makes no attempt to follow government curriculum, but specializes in homecraft and household management.

Girls of the Home Science Department do the buying for their school "families" and have actual experience in selecting and purchasing at the school shop.

Handwork is a special feature and girls are always happy to exhibit their rugs, mats, baskets, bags and fans, and

visitors are usually eager to purchase some of Sumankhetan's handiwork.

Our wells are always "on the go." Windlasses clatter from early morning till late at night. Housekeepers begin carrying water to their cottages before daylight and others linger at the well long after dark. Young gardeners use class periods through the day to send streams of water down the drains at the garden well to banana trees and thirsty plants. Beyond the garden there is the constant swish of wet clothes as girls find time to do their wash at the "dhobi" well.

With good teachers, pleasant surroundings and homey atmosphere girls cannot help but enjoy school life

where they learn by doing. Sumankhetan's spacious compound with its simple attractive buildings is one of the most delightful places one can imagine for a school and truly it is in every respect a "Garden of Flowers."

—Veda B. Harrah,
Missionary.





“I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not; for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.”

—John 12:46, 47



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WOMAN'S COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1949

The following persons were elected as officers for the Woman's Council for 1949: President, Mrs. Owen Vaught; First Vice-President, Mrs. Charles Dare; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Henry M. Flowers; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Don J. Eyer; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Irene Cline; Treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Birkhold.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Leo Browning is a patient in room 402 Methodist Hospital. Mrs. Robert Jones is a surgical patient in room 517 Methodist Hospital. Mrs. Clarissa Magne is quite ill at her home, 625½ S. Harrison St. Mrs. M. G. Heller is in room 238 Lutheran Hospital. Mr. Kenneth Richwine is quite ill at Veterans Hospital, Indianapolis.

WORLD MISSION CLASS

The Community Training School, sponsored by the Associated Churches is bringing Rev. Wayne Paulen to Fort Wayne next Tuesday, November 8, at 7:30 P.M., at Trinity English Lutheran Church. Dr. Paulen was on a seminar to Europe for eleven weeks and during that time he visited many of the countries of Europe. He will lecture on his experiences and show slides in illustration. Every one is welcome.

EVENING GUILD

The Evening Guild will meet at the home of Miss Mildred Hartman and Miss Mildred Huthinson 719 Union St., on **Wednesday, November 17.** PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet Wednesday, November 10, at 7:45 P.M. at the Church.

Deacons Serving During November

Richard Schrecongost, Captain, H-0493; W. H. Imbody, A. L. Gaskill, Vaughn Brickley, J. E. Tracey, Cecil Rice, C. Mannan, C. Yoquelet.

Schedule for Elders

November 7—Robert E. Clipp, Owen Vaught; November 14—Albert Egly, B. W. Leversee; November 21—J. M. Fitch, Hugh D. Rice; November 28—H. G. Hiler, Dr. A. C. Worley.

RUMMAGE SALE

The General Council is having a **one day** Rummage Sale on **November 18** at 2028 S. Hanna. Ladies, if you have rummage call your Circle President or Mrs. H. W. Sigrist.

The November General Council meeting has been postponed until **November 30.** This will be a **guest day.** Come and bring a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Banet, Mrs. L. J. Bedford, Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, Mr. Shroyer.

and Mrs. D. D. Frost, Mrs. Edwin Geerken, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parkerson, Miss Sarah

OUR SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. William C. Robinson in the recent death of his Mother.

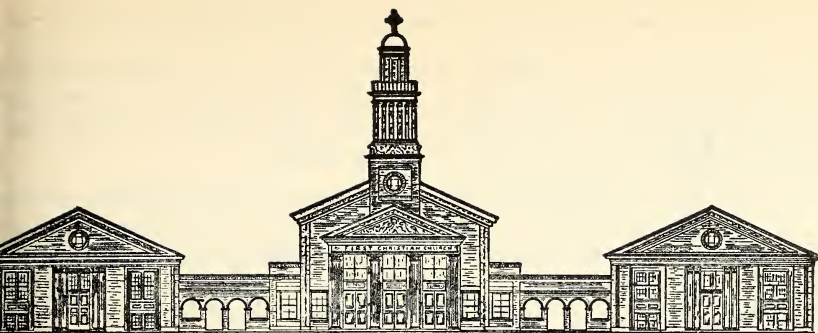
GENERAL COUNCIL

The Rebecca Group will meet with Mrs. H. C. Banet, 424 W. Packard Ave. Thursday, November 11 at 7:45 P.M. Members, please bring your needles and thimbles.

The Esther Group will meet for a pot-luck supper at the home of Mrs. C. I. Palmer, 2625 N. Wells, Tuesday, November 9, 6:45 P. M. Program theme: "Our Geographic Frontier."

BAZAAR and STEAK SUPPER

The General Council will have a bazaar and Swiss steak supper on November 19, from 5 to 7 P. M. Adult tickets \$1.00, children 65c. Please call the Treasurer of your group for tickets or to make supper reservations, or call Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, H-8830.



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NOVEMBER 14 IS WORLD PEACE SUNDAY

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

SERMON — "WE ARE ALL IN IT"

Our visitors are doing a fine job. They are awakening the conscience of all of us. Peace Sunday serves to emphasize that the church holds the only answer to World Peace. Every loyal Christian should be in church this Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

In the Children's House in preparation for Thanksgiving observance the various classes are studying the causes for which the Thanksgiving offering will go. In each class there is a milk bottle which the children are attempting to fill for their Thanksgiving offering. Parents should take note of this fact and give their children extra coins for this offering.

Parents should also be aware of books for children which may be drawn from our church library. Other literature that comes every week to our Church school pupils are: Beginner and Primary literature, Junior World, the Highway, Vision for our High School Young people, and Front Rank for the older group. These are fine pieces of literature which every church home should have. An additional reason why you should be in church school every Sunday.

THE MEN'S FORUM — 6:15 P.M.

Our president, Don Eyer, will have the men at his country home for the monthly meeting this Sunday. His home is located on the Decatur Road about three miles out and across the road from the Broadcasting tower. There will be a wiener roast. A fine program of colored pictures will be shown. Those who have no transportation should report to the office, to Don Eyer or to our pastor. Come on men, let us accept Don's hospitality with a big crowd.

YOUNG PEOPLE

AT 4:00 O'CLOCK the older group will meet on Sunday for a planning conference. AT 6:30 O'CLOCK they will join at supper. The C.Y.F. and the Older group will have a joint meeting. Marvin Crouse will be Master of Ceremonies at a Truth and Consequence feature. Miss Evelyn Powell will bring the program on the subject, "Our Bible". Our pastor, Miss Ruby Whisman and Miss Evelyn Powell will be group advisors in the planning conference. All members of the LaKoda Class and Junior Board of Deacons are urged to be present with this conference.

Mid-year Conference will be held at Elkhart November 21st.

EXTEND THE WITNESS



it is through missionary giving that the witness of the church is translated into service to others in home and foreign fields.

As an agency through which men work to "make disciples of all nations," the local church cannot neglect its missionary giving which represents its concern for the wider reaches of its community.

As a partner with God and a member of a local church, commissioned to witness for Christ in all the world, every Christian in every church is called upon to prove his stewardship before God.



IN THE STEPS OF THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. Activities to bring better health to the community surrounding Mexican Christian Institute at San Antonio, have been an integral part of the service of that institution since 1915. But one of its most outstanding contributions has been made in the last few years in combating infant diarrhea.

Since 1941 MCI has been working with its neighbors to control this disease. In 1945, as a member of a newly organized district health council, it has cooperated with city schools, a federal housing project and the Mexican Christian Church in a house-to-house visitation with amazing results.

The church in a local community is bound by the physical limits of that community as far as its personal witness is concerned. Thus

In 1944 there were thirty-six deaths in the community from infant diarrhea; in 1945, thirty; in 1946, eight; in 1947, five.

Mexican Christian Institute cooperates also with the City Health Department, providing space and some personnel for two child health conferences, a maternity clinic, and a clinic for immunization against diphtheria and whooping cough each week. In the first six months of 1948, 1043 different persons were served.

The health work is just one of the many services extended by MCI to 3400 families of this community. Its program of character building includes a kindergarten, boys' and girls' clubs, health service, parents' groups, creative arts and crafts, and community organizations.

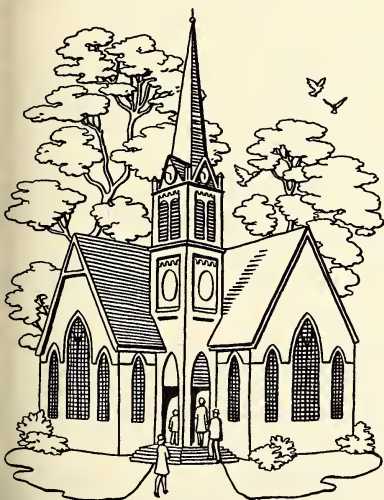
During three months this year an experiment was carried on to extend the service of the Institute into areas of San Antonio, some distance away. Three areas were selected and supervised recreation was provided for children, which consisted of story telling, games, and suggestions to parents for providing recreation activities regularly in small groups.



Cooking classes are a "must" at M.C.I. for girls who in most cases will not get to high school.

And all thy children
shall be taught of
the Lord —

—Isaiah 54:13



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BOWLING

Young married couples, older persons, as well as young people are welcome to participate in our bowling league each Saturday evening from 7 to 9 at the Zion Bowling Alley on Gay and Creighton Avenues. **Remember our Basketball game is at the Zion Gym this Saturday at 6:45.**

WOMAN'S DAY

The Annual observance of Woman's Day will be on Sunday, NOVEMBER 28 this year. Miss Velva Dreesse, one of our newer young women in the United Christian Missionary Society, has been secured for speaker. Our offering that day will go toward our Missionary and Crusade goals.

NOTES

Mr. Kenneth McCoy, Coach of our Basketball Team has asked that this means be taken to express his thanks to Mr. B. W. Leversee and Mr. Vaughn Brickley for their very material help to the team. These men have seen to it that funds were available to pay the referee for practice games.

GENERAL COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The Evening Guild will meet with Miss Mildred Hartman and Miss Mildred Hutchinson, 719 Union St. on Wednesday, November 17th, at 8:00 P.M.

A one day Rummage Sale will be sponsored by the General Council on Thursday, November 18 at 2028 S. Hanna St. Call your presidents regarding your rummage. Rummage may be brought to 2028 S. Hanna on Wednesday evening.

NOVEMBER 19, 5 to 7 P.M.

The Council is having a Swiss Steak Supper on Friday evening from 5 to 7. Home made pies will be served as dessert. Adults \$1.00. Children 65c. The public is welcome but must make reservations. Please call Mrs. Sigrist H-7848 or Mrs. Paul Whitton H-79601 or any Circle president to make your reservation. In connection with the supper will be a Bazaar. Christmas cards will be on display for sale. Books for Christmas will also be on display. **MAKE YOUR SUPPER RESERVATIONS NOW.**

AMONG OUR SICK

The Herschel Bailey's baby is in the Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. Estella Shockey is now at home, 722 W. Jefferson St. Mrs. Verl Pribble is recovering from a severe weeks illness. Mrs. E. E. Buchanan is confined to her home. Mr. Grant T. Munson is ill with the 'flu'. Mrs. Grace Hirschy Jones is slowly recovering but is still in the hospital. Mrs. M. G. Heller is also making slow recovery at Lutheran Hospital.

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

To Mr. and Mrs. Leo Browning, 128 W. Leith St., a son, Keith Alan, was born on Tuesday, November 2. The mother and babe are in the Methodist Hospital and they are doing nicely.

CHAMPS

The Champion bowlers last Saturday were Bob and Doyle Whitton and Bill Munro. Many beginners are showing improvement, too. Come, join our fun.

ORCHIDS

Orchids to the mother of Robert Fahl, who has been having the boys at home after the games. A letter from one of the players expresses his deep appreciation for this interest. He is also appreciative of the work our coach is doing in securing warm-up jackets for First Christian players. He rightfully urges the members of the church to support the team. These fellows have season tickets. Get one and when you do make a contribution to these fine young men who are representing our Church in the Basketball league. **The game for this week will be held at Zion Lutheran Church at 6:45 on Saturday, November 13.**

NOVEMBER GENERAL COUNCIL

The General Council will meet on Tuesday, November 30.



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NOVEMBER 21 IS THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Morning Worship—10:30 A.M.

The robed Junior choir will bring a special number this Sunday. This choir composed of young people from our Junior and Intermediate Department of our Church School and is directed by Miss Anita Fitch. Mrs. Beck is the Superintendent.

In addition there will be special music from our regular Church choir.

Sermon: "FOR SUCH AS I"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL—9:30 A.M.

Members of our Church School are reminded OF THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING which will be received this Sunday. Our Youth group is showing a steady increase in attendance.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

The Young people will meet at 1:00 o'clock next Sunday afternoon to go to the Mid-year Conference at Elkhart, Indiana. Transportation is to be arranged. Final arrangements will be given out to the groups at the Church School hour Sunday morning.

SPORTS

Highest score for the season in our group is 170 by Doyle Whitton. He challenges any one to beat it! The door is open for any, old or young, to share in the bowling fellowship on Saturday evening from 7 to 9 at the Zion Bowling Alley, E. Creighton and Weisser Park.

Our basketball team will be wearing new jackets in the near future. The names of the donors will be published in an early issue of the Tidings.

FIRST CHRISTIAN ON THE AIR SUNDAY

8:30 to 9:00 A. M. over WIBC, Indianapolis, 1070 on the dial, sponsored by the Indiana Council of Churches.

6:00 to 6:30 P.M. over WOWO sponsored by the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne.

REPORT FROM EXPANSION COMMITTEE

Mr. Walter C. Birkhold, Chairman of the Expansion Committee, submits the following report: November paid on principal \$1500.00. Balance due \$6000.00.

The purchase price of the site for the new Church building was \$25,300.00. Since the date of purchase \$19,300.00 has been paid. This does not include the interest which has been kept paid to date. All those who have made pledges are urged to bring them to date so that as fast as possible the balance of the purchase price may be cared for and the interest stopped.

OUR CHRISTIAN WITNESS

Our Christian witness is the message of Jesus Christ. In a world where millions are without Christ and the hope of salvation, the Christian witness offers hope.

Our Christian witness is the Christian way of life—a way of life in direct opposition to the secularism of today. Secular forces are spending billions to witness for their philosophy and their products. During 1946 American business spent \$3,007,290,000 for advertising through newspapers, magazines, radio, and direct mail. Against this witness for a secular and materialistic way of life, the churches of America spent only \$783,000,000 to advertise, promote, and witness for the Christian way of life at home and abroad. The 1,696,051 members of our brotherhood spent \$32,043,179 in witnessing for the Christian way of life.

FROM FEAR TO FAITH

Says a recent statement of the Society of Friends (Quakers) in Philadelphia: "The world needs a change in outlook—from fear to faith based on the kind of love that Jesus taught from compulsion, with its trust in weapons, to cooperation based on the dignity and worth of the human person."

"We feel constrained by the power of God to voice a warning to all people: there is no safety, no security, no peace in armaments, however deadly they may be made. The trust of mankind must be in the power of the living God."

"It is no easy way, but there can be peace only in a world order founded upon the spirit and precepts given to all men by the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

MEMBERS WHO MOVE

Nearly 600,000 members of Christian churches moved from the home church during and in the years following the war. Today, although about 65,000 names are dropped annually from church rolls, the current non-resident member roll stands at more than 125,000!

Active membership in a local church is essential to the full expression of Christian faith. Failure to be active in a local church because of indifference is both a sign of moral weakness and a contributing factor to the increase of that indifference.

The magnitude and seriousness of the problem confronting our own brotherhood is obvious. The loss of 125,000 members through failure to continue active membership is equivalent to the closing of 1000 churches of 250 members each.

More important—the restoration of those 125,000 members to active participation in the life and work of a local congregation would be equivalent to starting 1000 new churches of 250 members each.

The reinstatement of these names on active church rolls is part of our evangelistic effort in the Crusade to lift the membership of our brotherhood to two million resident members by 1950.





We would see Jesus, and let him impart
The truth he came among us to reveal,
Till in the gracious message we should feel
The beating of God's heart.

W. J. Suckow.



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Great care is being used, in the Expansion program. The congregation will be kept informed of any development in regard to this program. This is a big proposition and requires time.

ILLNESS

Mr. Preston Somers, 1031½ W. Washington was struck by an automobile and is now a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth V. Lytle in the very recent death of Mr. Lytle's sister. Services were held in the Church on Wednesday afternoon.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Frank Frame and to members of Mr. Frame's family in his recent death. Mr. Frame has been a loyal member of this Church for many years. We shall miss him.

GUEST DAY

The General Council meeting for November will be held November 30. This is Guest Day. A good program is being prepared and refreshments will be served. Please keep this date open and invite a friend to come with you. The meeting will be at the regular time, 2:15. Executive at 1:15. Installation of officers.

WOMAN'S DAY

NOVEMBER 28. Our Missionary Chairman, Mrs. Charles Dare, has secured Miss Velda Dreese to speak for us at the Morning worship service on November 28. Our offering will go toward our Missionary goal for this year and for our Crusade. Envelopes will be distributed among our women. Others wishing to participate may do so by dropping your offering in the loose collection the morning.

HONOR

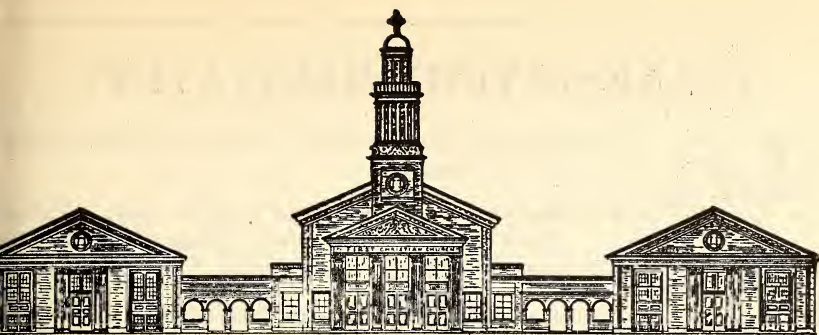
Alexander M. Campbell has recently been elected as Trustee of Indiana University taking the place of Mr. Kunkle, deceased, of this city who was the owner of the Journal Gazette. It is interesting to note that before this announcement was made Mr. Campbell had been selected by our nominating committee for the office of Trustee of our Church. Though Mr. Campbell is Assistant U. S. Attorney General much of his time will be spent in Fort Wayne. Already Mr. Campbell has proven valuable to our Church and has given us much legal advice and help and has always refused to accept any remuneration for same. We congratulate Mr. Campbell on these honors that have come to him.

ORCHIDS

Orchids to W. C. Birkhold who has given time, effort and thought as chairman of our Trustees and our Expansion Committee. He has left no stone unturned to see that this business of our church properties is carefully managed. Although busy with his many duties in the Rent Control Office and his other personal responsibilities he has always taken time and has put his church first. We are glad to have men like Walter Birkhold in which to intrust the business of our church.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS FOR 1949

The Nominating Committee composed of Mr. Albert Egly, Chairman, Joe M. Fitch, Hugh D. Rice, Miss Ruby Whisman, and Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Rev. Robert Beck Ex-officio member submits the following report: Elders: Dale Parkerson, F. I. Morrical, Preston H. Somers, F. Wayne Rousseau. Deacons: James R. Shockney, R. R. Ripple, Charles E. Fuchshuber, William H. Crouse, Robert Rayl, Robert Workman, Dr. Russell Goebel, Ralph J. Richard, Martin C. Brudi, Meldren Kreps, Robert Ashe, Wm. M. Moffitt, Carter D. Palmer, L. S. Sentman. Deaconesses: Mrs. David Hogg, Mrs. Charles Dare. Superintendent of Sunday School: Cecil Rice. Assistants: Alan Bell, B. W. Leversee. Church Clerk: Mrs. Owen Vaught. Treasurer: Glenn R. Miller. Financial Secretary: Sherman G. Myers. Assistants: Henry M. Flowers, Don J. Eyer, L. S. Sentman. Trustees: Alex M. Campbell, Walter C. Birkhold. Mr. Harry G. Hiler was nominated from the floor as trustee. The annual election will be held on Sunday, December 5th.



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SUNDAY IS WOMAN'S DAY

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

This Sunday we shall honor our women by giving the morning service over to the Woman's Council. The speaker for the morning will be Miss Velva Dreese. Special Music will be a song by Mr. Boyd Young. He will sing "Green Pastures", by Sanderson.

Mrs. H. W. Sigrist will introduce the speaker and ushers will be furnished by the Woman's Council. The offering will go to the Woman's Council.

The Woman's Council is composed of eight Circles. All our Women's work is under a unified program.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Thanksgiving Offering is being held over for this Sunday. If you failed to bring your offering last Sunday bring it to Sunday School with you.

The Children's Choir were appreciated last Sunday at the Morning Worship Service. They plan to occupy the Choir Loft on December 19 for the Christmas Service.

The Men's Clothing drive for Europe, our Superintendent Mr. Parkerson, is heading this drive for the Associated Churches. Men who have suits, clothing or overcoats or underwear may bring them to the church where they will be packaged and sent over-seas. This is an opportunity for us to do something definite and practical as Christians for the suffering people in Europe. These articles may be left at the church any time between now and December 5th.

SPORTS

Our basketball team won their first game. They will play at the Zion Lutheran Gym this Friday evening at 6:45.

The Bowlers League invites other adults and youth to enjoy the fellowship and games which are open to our Church from 7 to 9 on Saturday evening at the Zion Bowling Alley.

THANKSGIVING MEDITATION



Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

A Chinese proverb says: If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there be beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. Where there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world.

May this Thanksgiving Season help families to look into their lives and that of their churches in self-criticism and confession and in confidence in the redeeming grace of Christ.

May the Christian home . . . become again the church in miniature, the place in which all things are continuously ruled by the love of Christ and in which children grow up naturally to the understanding of that love.

May the church see the whole world's need of Christ, and may it be ready for any sacrifice in order to make him known to all mankind.

"The New Testament Church was in a house before it was in a church. It must, perchance, be revitalized in houses, before it can be revitalized in churches—or, rather home and church must revitalize each other. When the church is once more in the home, public worship will have a new glow, preaching a new grip on all life, the church school will have its rebirth, and our bloodshot world a Christian hope and health." Geo. W. Buttrick.

Help us, O God, that we may be unceasingly grateful for the goodness of the earth which provides so bountifully for our physical needs, and grant that we may renew our loyalties to truth, and our devotion to thee. May this Thanksgiving Day offer occasion for the generous expression of our devotion through gifts to others: may we share our bread with those who stand in hungry ranks in other lands; and may the depth of our love help to heal the wounds of those who suffer. And in the days that follow may we ever live in the consciousness of thy goodness and thy mercy.—J. DEXTER MONTGOMERY

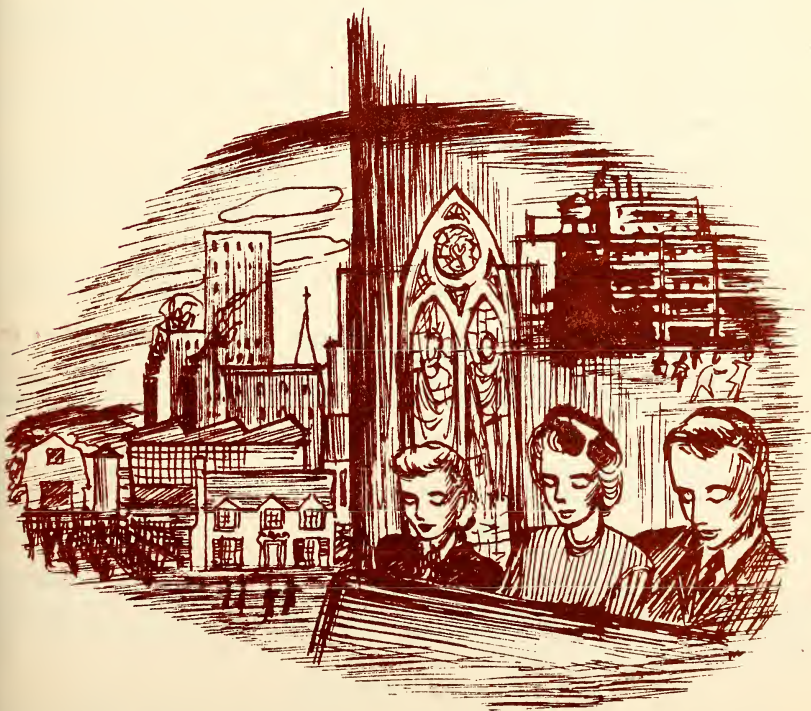
A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Lord, behold our family here assembled. We thank thee for this place in which we meet; for the love that unites us; for the peace accorded us this day; for the hope with which we expect the morrow; for the health, the work, the food, and the bright skies that make our lives delightful; for our friends in all parts of earth. . . .

Let Peace abound in this company. Purge out of every heart the lurking grudge. Give us grace and strength to forebear and persevere. Offenders ourselves, give us the grace to accept and to forgive offenders. Forgetful ourselves, help us to bear cheerfully the forgetfulness of others.

As the clay to the potter, as the windmill to the wind, as the children of their sire, we beseech of thee this help and mercy.

—ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON



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WOMAN'S DAY

NOVEMBER 28. This is an annual event sponsored by the Woman's Council. Miss Velva Dreese is director of adult work in the department of missionary organizations of the United Christian Missionary Society. Her work centers about the cultivation and administration of missionary education and missionary giving in adult organizations of the churches of Disciples of Christ. Miss Dreese was formerly a missionary in the Philippine Islands, where her work was largely among young people. She is a good speaker and you will enjoy her. The Women are privileged to present their cause once a year on Woman's Day. The offering will be used to further the work of the Council.

GENERAL COUNCIL — GUEST DAY

The Executive of the General Council will meet on Tuesday afternoon, November 30, at 1:15 P.M. This meeting will be followed by the regular General meeting of the Council. We are to have a very fine program under the direction of Mrs. Earl Fusselman and Mrs. Hugh Rice, and Mrs. Jos. Siples.

The new officers for 1949 will be installed. Mrs. Fred Wilson presiding.

We extend a cordial welcome to all Council members and all women of the Church. Come and bring a friend. Remember, it is GUEST DAY.

EXHIBITS - - -

Our Council Women who may have articles typical of Hawaii, Alaska, Porto Rico. The Virgin Islands, etc., are asked to bring them on next Tuesday afternoon to the General Council meeting for display. Our program has to do with the life of the people of these countries.

The Martha Group will meet at the home of Mrs. Owen Vaught, 4035 Fairfield on Thursday, December 2, at 2:15 P.M. Mrs. Charles Dare will give the Christmas Story. Mrs. W. C. Birkhold will have the devotions.

The Dorcas Group will meet with Mrs. Dale Hiler, 2513 Miner St., Thursday, December 2, at 2:15. Mrs. Bret Young will assist the hostess. Mrs. Cecil Rice will have the devotions. Mrs. M. E. Kreps will give the Christmas Story. Everyone is urged to be present. There will be a 25c gift exchange.

The Naomi Group will meet with Mrs. C. J. Sharp, 1616 Pemberton, Wednesday, December 1, at 2:00 P.M. There will be a Christmas Program and a 25c Gift Exchange.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. George Robinson, 2619 Kensington, Friday evening, December 3, at 8:00 o'clock. There will be a 25c Gift Exchange.

DOLLS FOR GOODWILL

Those having dressed dolls for the Good Will please bring your dolls to the Church on or before next Tuesday, November 30th. They will be picked up after Tuesday.

ILLNESS

Those who are ill, to be remembered in our prayers, Mrs. A. B. Sheckler, Mr. Estella Shockey, Mr. Preston Somers, Mr. Kenneth Richwine, Mrs. E. E. Buchanan, Mrs. M. G. Heller. There are probably many others whom you know that should be mentioned in our prayers.

OUR SYMPATHY

We were sorry to learn of the recent death of the Mother of Mrs. Delmas Young. Our hearts go out to Mrs. Young and her family in these dark hours.



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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A. M.

Sermon: .."God's Way Around"

Preacher, Our Pastor

LOYALTY CAMPAIGN

The Loyalty Campaign enters into the last third of the program. We express our appreciation to all our workers and are pleased to know of the Christian courtesy which our members have shown to them. **EVERYONE KNOWS THAT CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE ABOUT THE LORD'S TABLE ON SUNDAY. THANK THESE LEADERS FOR REMINDING YOU.**

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

As we approach the Christmas Season plans will be made by the various classes for parties and the general observance of Christmas. There is a book in our library dealing with the celebration of "Christmas in the Home." We recommend that parents look at this book which may be ordered for use in the home. The price of the book is 75c. Begin now to put meaning into this Christmas by coming to the Church School.

THE YOUTH GROUPS WILL COMBINE

At 6:00 o'clock both the High School and Older young people will combine their service. A beautiful worship has been arranged. Mr. Marvin Crouse as master of ceremonies will present "Truth and Consequences." This will be followed by a social time previously planned. Announcements of the swimming party in the Purdue Center will be given at the morning session of the LaKoda and the High School classes. Posters for our parties were made by Miss Evelyn Powell.

BOWLING

Mr. B. W. Leversee topped Doyle Whitton's high score of 170 with the score of 177. However, Doyle still made second place Saturday night with a score of 163. There is still room for more bowlers and we cordially invite those wanting a good time to come.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The following Officers were installed by Mrs. Fred Wilson at the general meeting of the Council on Tuesday, November 30. Mrs. Owen Vaught, President; Mrs. Charles Dare, Vice-President; Mrs. Henry M. Flowers, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Don J. Eyer, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Irene Cline, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Treasurer; Mrs. Martin Wagner, World Call Secretary; the Circles Presidents: Mrs. J. C. Koegel, Ruth Circle; Mrs. C. W. Winfield, Naomi Circle; Mrs. Hugh Rice, Dorcas Circle; Mrs. Marion Favory, Esther Circle; Mrs. Charles Dare, Martha Circle; Mrs. Alan Bell, Rebecca Circle; Mrs. Joseph Siples, Rachel Circle; Miss Fay Woodhull, Evening Guild.

The Local Church

ITS FIELD IS THE WORLD

The local church is the institution which stands for Christ and his witness in the community in which it is located. Through its preaching of the Gospel, its teaching program in the Sunday school, its winning of men and women to Christ, its character-building work in children's and youth groups, its social service work—through these and many other ways the local church helps to make the community conscious of God and the Christian way of life.

A significant part of the Christian

witness is the local church's program of world missions. The giving of the church to the many home and foreign mission enterprises is a part of the witness of the church that the world is its field to be won for Christ and His Kingdom.

The efforts of the church in evangelism, and the varied programs of education are means of extending the Christian witness to more and more people in the community; the giving of the church to missions is its means for extending its witness around the world.



Crusading In India

Of the twenty-one village churches in the Takhatpur area of our India Mission, composed mostly of recent converts, Miss Ethel Shreve writes:

"Our churches and their pastors are busy in the Crusade. During the month of witnessing, 217 people went out alone or in groups to tell others what

Christ had done for them. During Christian Home month, teaching was given on the home and special meetings were held.

"In these churches there are four new Sunday Schools, four night schools in which adults are taught to read, and daily worship is conducted in 21 places."



Left—Rattan, the only Christian man in Ketri village near Takhatpur.

Below—Miss Ethel Shreve tells the Christmas story in Ketri.



God is our refuge and our strength,
In straits a present aid;
Therefore, although the earth remove
We will not be afraid:
Though hills amidst the seas be cast;
Though waters roaring make
And troubled be; yea, though the hills
By swelling seas do shake.

PSALM 46:1-3

*(Psalms in Metre, taken from an
1852 edition of the Bible.)*



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FREELY GIVE

The quality of generosity is not far removed from that of gratitude. Both virtues are expressed in a single act: the giver is generous, the receiver is grateful. And if the thankful heart is one of God's dwellings, how surely also is that one which is generous. If being grateful is to shelter godliness, then being generous is to partake of it. There are no nobler qualities available to man than these. There are none that bring greater joy and blessedness to their possessors.

O Thou, who by giving of Thyself, has blessed us with a grateful heart, grant us also the joys of generosity by receiving gifts from us. Amen. I. W. L.

FORWARD—Park Avenue Christian Church

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

December 5.—J. Z. Berlien, Robert E. Clipp. **December 12.**—Owen Vaught, Walter C. Birkhold. **December 19.**—B. W. Leversee, A. M. Campbell. **December 26.**—Hugh D. Rice, John F. Davis

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Mr. K. V. Lytle, Captain, H-55773; Alan Bell, Dale Bailey, Leo E. Miller, Fred Wilson, R. H. Cole and J. Hugh Tracey. When unable to serve please call your Captain.

A NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Robert Harold, born November 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Bowker, R. R. 2, Churubusco. Mother and babe are doing well. Congratulations.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. L. S. Sentman and family in the recent death of his father, Mr. George Sentman of Veedersburg. Mr. Sentman is the associate Superintendent of our church school.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Charles Paul in the sudden death of her son, who resided in the East. Mrs. Paul has left for the east. Mrs. Paul has gone through a siege since the fracture of her limb and only recently has been able to come to church.

We are deeply grieved in the loss of Mr. Grant T. Munson. Our deepest sympathy goes to Mrs. Munson and the children.

May God's blessings be with these dear people in the dark hours ahead. Mr. Munson was an officer in our church and has been a liberal supporter of our work. His sudden death as a comparatively young man is indeed regrettable.

The services for Mr. Munson were held in the church on Wednesday at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

OUR BASKETBALL TEAM

We have high prospects for a good season this year with our basketball team with chances for high placement in the church league. The team is composed of Gene Munro, William Munro, D. G. Norton, Jack Norton, Robert Fahl, Jim Crouse, Jack Brickley, Harold Donelson, Donald Miller and Robert Whitton. The team is being coached by Ken McCoy.

We should not only wish these young men high success, but should support them by our presence. They are playing very good basketball.

OUR TEAM HAS NEW JACKETS

The new jackets which our team are wearing were furnished by H. W. Sigrist and Alan Sigrist of the Sigrist Furniture Store, Vaughn Brickley of the Brickley Home Store, Mrs. Kohl of Bonnie Oaks, Elmer Smith of Smith Cleaners, Mr. Weaver of Weaver Sales, Orville Miller of Miller's Master Market. The name First Christian Church was placed on the front of these jackets by the Official Board.

ILLNESS

Mrs. J. J. McCarel is slowly recovering from a several week's illness at her home. Let us keep in mind those who are ill among us.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet on the regular evening, Wednesday, December 8, at 7:45 P.M.



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ONWARD FIRST CHRISTIAN IN 1949

Fellowship and Communion Evangelism Stewardship World Responsibility and Action With Enthusiasm

With enthusiasm we enter into our Forward First Christian in 1949. The New Year comes with many promises. We have fine new membership combined with our loyal members during the years. Our Church Board is marking out a program of advance.

Great Value

First Christian Church represents a value in property and buildings of around \$135,000. The question of the hour is whether we will support our greater Church program in keeping with its value to our membership and to our growing city as well as in proportion to our obligation to the Kingdom of God. Christianity is free but supporting our Church costs money. Some might be tempted to say, too much money. But how much is your Church worth to you?

Increased Costs Require Increased Pledges

This year's budget is \$23,132.00. We have an expected revenue from rents in the sum of \$1260.00, leaving a balance of \$21,872.00. \$3500.00 of this is in asking for the Crusade for A Christian World.

There is an increase in operating costs. Coal and all other supplies have gone up. We are asked to give more to Week-Day Religious Education for our Public Schools because of the additional expense in using the trolley

buses.

The physical character of our church is the four walls, foundation and roof, but the spiritual properties of our church are the investment of hearts, soul, love and enthusiasm we share to make our church a vital force in our lives.

To accomplish the full purpose of our church takes money. But, every contributor's money becomes translated into human endeavors.

Our Duty to Our City

The city we serve as a church has grown in recent years beyond any prediction. Even now hundreds of houses are being built. It therefore becomes a civic as well as a spiritual duty to provide the best possible for families who will become members of our church.

How Much to Give

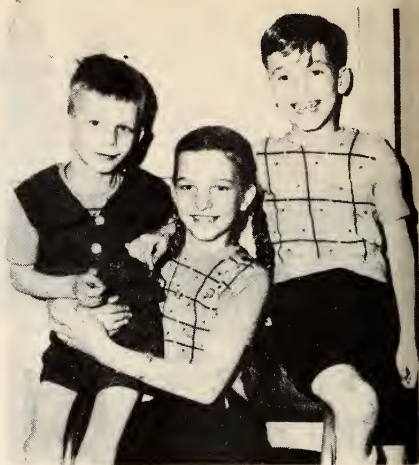
\$3.00 a week will take care of one day's coal bill. \$2.00 per week will pay one day's utility bill. \$1.50 a week will pay one day's obligations to Religious Education. \$2.50 per week will pay for our music for one day. So the items might go on. We have liberal givers. More of us need to feel the pull of our Christian obligations. Help your finance committee to clear this part of our program. For every layman who comes forward with his prayers, his personal influence and his full share of funds will go down in history as a man who caught the vision, accepted the challenge, undertook his part—and left behind him when his days were done an everlasting legacy of service and good will.

A RENEWAL OF HOPE

Among the Displaced persons (DP's) brought to the United States by Church World Service from Europe this year are these children of the Pilsner family. They come from Hungary. Their parents will be aided in finding employment and a new home will be established—the first real home these children have known.

Through years of war, of hardship, of persecution, and of death, these DP's of Europe have experienced the depths of despair. Homes, possessions, and relatives have been lost. Even with the end of the war they could not return to their native lands because of race or religion or political belief.

Somewhere within the vast expanses of our land hundreds of such families will find new life, new hope, and peace



because Christian people make it possible through Church World Service, an interdenominational organization for relief and rehabilitation work in the name of the churches.



PREPARATION FOR SERVICE

The India Church is justly proud of the educational progress of its rising generation. At various times during the past 30 years or more one of its young men has been in the United States for additional study, preparing for evangelistic, educational or medical work. During 1948-1949 a group of five Indian students will be in our schools. They are: Peter Solomon, E. F. Albert, Suman Choudhrie, Nathaniel Peters, and Murad Scott.

These leaders of the India Church will return to their field after a year or more in the United States, better prepared to preach or to teach or to heal, and with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the brotherhood.

Other young people, remaining in India, receive aid through the mission for educational purposes in their own land. The social and economic background there makes it almost impossible for students to work their way through school. This year from our

several mission stations we have had more than 40 young men and women—teachers and those training to be teachers—in the schools and colleges of Jubbulpore. Twenty-four students in these and in colleges in other cities are receiving scholarship aid from the fund established by the mission some years ago. The total list shows almost 500 young people, many of whom are now repaying the loan granted them so that they can share with others the opportunities they have had.

The mission is proud of these, and also of records made by students in our high schools in Bilaspur in examination for college entrance. While only 44 per cent of the 7,000 students of the entire province who took the examination passed, in our new boys high school at Bilaspur, 50 per cent made passing grades; and from Burgess Memorial girls' high school, 100 per cent passed.

"You are the salt of the earth! But if salt loses its strength, how can it be made salt again? It is good for nothing but to be thrown away and trodden underfoot. You are the light of the world! A city that is built upon a hill cannot be hidden. People do not light a lamp and put it under a peck-measure; they put it on its stand and it gives light to everyone in the house. Your light must burn in that way among men so that they will see the good you do, and praise your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:13-16



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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: "Keep Conquering Evil With Good".

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

THE HANGING OF THE GREENS at 3:30 P.M.

At this time the Come Double Class of which John Davis is the teacher will decorate the tree in the Social room. The young people of the LaKoda and High School Classes assisted by the Junior Board of Deacons and the sponsors Rolland Ripple, Miss Ruby Whisman and Miss Evelyn Powell will decorate the entrances of the Church. And the Church Committee will decorate the Sanctuary. There will be singing of Christmas Carols and a worship program.

MEN'S FORUM — 6:15 P.M. The Men's Forum will elect officers for the coming year at their supper meeting. A program has been arranged and Don Eyer, the president, will preside over the business session.

YOUTH GROUP will leave the Church at 6:00 P.M. and will give a program of Worship, Carol singing and Fun at the Allen County Orphanage. Marvin Crouse will be Master of Ceremonies when he gives some of his choice magic performances.

EVENING GUILD

The Evening Guild is having a dinner meeting at the Colonial Inn at 6:30 P.M. next Monday evening, December 13. Miss Leah Miller will have charge of the Christmas program and Mrs. Wm. Robinson will give the devotions.

BASKETBALL

First Christian vs. St. John's on Saturday, December 11, at 6:30 P.M. at Zion's Hall.

BOWLING SCORE

Doyle Whitton was again high with a score of 174. Anyone interested in an evening of fun bowling are welcome. We meet at Zion's Alleys Saturday evening.

NOTES

Miss Ruth Schoonover, for many years missionary teacher in Japan, died suddenly on November 24, in Japan. Miss Schoonover was well known here in First Christian having been a member of this Church and Sunday School for many years and having consecrated her life to Christian service while a member here. Her many friends will miss her.

WE HAVE ANOTHER NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Kenneth Raymond, born November 27th to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sechler, 4036 S. Lafayette. The mother and babe are doing nicely. Congratulations!

ILLNESS

Mrs. Russell Goebel suffered a severe injury in a recent automobile accident. Her young daughter was bruised and the car demolished. They are both about again. We are congratulating them on a very narrow escape from death.

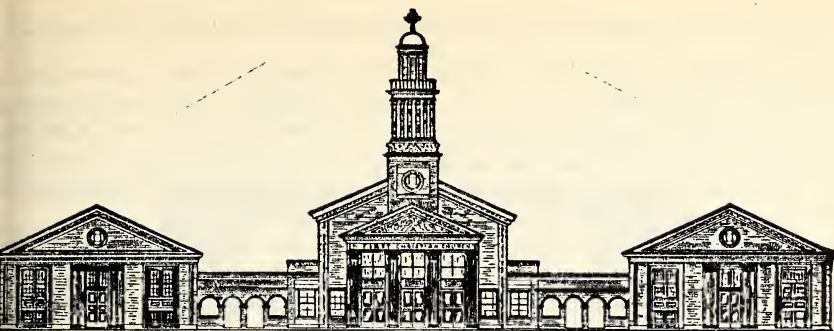
CHRISTMAS CARDS

Mrs. Mae Sentman, Card chairman, reports that she still have some boxes of Christmas Wrapping and also some Christmas Cards on hand to be sold. Anyone needing cards please call Mrs. Sentman. Your order will be appreciated. The Woman's Council sponsors this project.

ORCHIDS

The Basketball Team are the recipients of a fine new basketball from Bertam W. Leversee. This is appreciated by our team.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Aske have a perfect record of attendance of Church Service since becoming a member of First Christian.



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ONWARD FIRST CHRISTIAN IN 1949

FINE RESPONSE RETURNS CONTINUE TO COME IN

The first letter from our Finance Committee has brought good results. Members are asked to send reply cards as soon as possible.

HUNDREDS OF CALLS

Have been made by our Church Loyalty leaders. We are nearing the end of the three months period of Church Loyalty. Rain, Snow or Shine. Make next **Sunday A Must.**

THE NEXT PHASE LEADING INTO ONWARD FIRST CHRISTIAN IN 1949.

L. O. Leet, National leader, who has had one hundred successful experiences with our leading Churches, comes to First Christian, January 5 to 16.

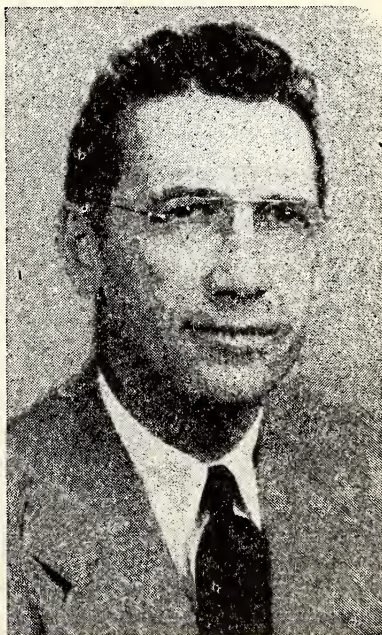
He has had successful Crusades in Dallas, Texas; Kansas City, Mo.; Woodward Avenue Christian Church in Detroit and many other churches.

Our membership will be informed as to the great experience that lies ahead for us in this great program of Stewardship-Evangelism Crusade.

Mr. Leet is endorsed by such men as Dr. L. N. D. Wells, Pastor of our largest Church; Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones, Harry Hines, Railroad Executive, Arthur A. Everts, Judge Dan D. Rogers and other leading Churchmen. Our Crusade will be his 128th Crusade.

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY DECEMBER 19TH.

Great services in our Church. Beautifully and tastfully decorated inside and



Mr. L. O. Leet, Dallas, Texas

out. Our church will be most inviting this Christmas.

Come Double Class and our young people assisted by adults have made a fine contribution to this Christmas expression.

THE BIBLE is the most widely read book in the world.

- Present-day translations make it potentially available to nine-tenths of the world's population.

- More copies of the Bible come from the presses each year than of any other book.

- It is the most widely circulated book in the world—copies of it annually find their way into every continent on earth.

- Through the years it has survived the bitterest attacks of its foes.

- Our American way of life stems in large part from the inspiration of the Bible.



THE CHURCH IS BUILT

BAYAG, P. I. Pastor Graciano Confirma and Pacita, his wife, are in their second year at Bayag, Apayao, Philippine Islands. Their consecration, love of the people, and hard work has resulted in spectacular achievements.

They started with no building and a few scattered members, converted before the war but never properly taught. They have held a devotional service each night, two teaching sessions during the day, and Sunday school, church services, and young people's programs on Sunday. They have been devoted evangelists as well as church builders. Visible results include 200 people baptized in the Bayag area, a beautiful new chapel with hand-sawn red narra boards, an educational building which also serves as a community building, and a new parsonage.

In the surrounding area there is also a chapel in Namultugan built of beautiful red wood. Here there were not enough saws to go around so the boards were fashioned with an ax! Adequate

chapels have also been constructed at Butao, Tubang, Tokok, and Longnao. The latter place had two Christian families six months ago. Today there are over 40 new members baptized by Pastor Confirma.

These five barrios average a day's walk each from Bayag, but this busy pastor has found time from his program in his own church to serve this large area as evangelist, pastor, and church builder.

—Louis A. Saunders.



CHRISTMAS HYMNS

"Silent Night, Holy Night" is considered the best-loved Christmas hymn of all time. Story has it that the words were written by Father Joseph Mohr, an Austrian Catholic priest. On Christmas Eve, 1818, he presented a copy to his friend Franz Gruber, a schoolmaster and organist. That night Gruber composed the world-famed tune, and soon itinerant minstrels were singing it throughout Germany and Austria.

As nearly as is known, Mohr never wrote another lyric, and Gruber never wrote another tune.

Of twentieth-century Christmas hymns, "There's a Song in the Air" is most popular in English-speaking countries, principally because of its carol tune written by Prof. Karl P. Harrington in 1904. Harrington, professor emeritus of Latin at Wesleyan University, still lives in Middletown, Connecticut. Joseph G. Holland, author of the words, first published in 1905, was a New England novelist, journalist, and founder of Scribner's Magazine.





The heavens declare Thy glory, Lord;
In every star Thy wisdom shines;
But when our eyes behold Thy word,
We read Thy Name in fairer lines.

Nor shall Thy spreading gospel rest
Till through the world Thy truth has run;
Till Christ has all the nations blest
That see the light, or feel the sun.

—Isaac Watts.

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CHURCH SERVICE 10:30 A.M.

SERMON: "Christmas Has An Answer"

The Junior Choir will bring Special Music

SERVICE FOR BLESSING OUR BABIES, 11:30 A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M. Christmas Carols in opening exercises.

YOUNG PEOPLE — CAROLING 6:00 P.M.

BEAUTIFUL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 7:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, at 7:30 P.M. Old Fashioned Christmas Party — Christmas Tree and Sunday School Treat for Children, with Santa Claus.

WEDDING BELLS

December 11, Acle Sterling Beerbower and Eleanor Elizabeth Fogel.

December 11, Robert L. Trump and Betty Treager.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Woman's Council will hold the December meeting on **Tuesday, December 28 at 7:45 P.M.** This will be a General Business meeting. The Rachel Circle will give devotions and the Martha Circle will present a short program.

THE COME DOUBLE CLASS

The Come Double Class will hold their Christmas Party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, 2946 Plaza, December 18 at 7:30 P.M. There will be a 25c gift exchange. Parents bring gift for your own children to be distributed by Santa Claus.

BASKETBALL

Our Basketball Team won by forfeit Saturday night, December 11, against St. John's Reformed. Our standing so far in the League is 2 wins and 2 losses. The team will play Friday night, December 17, at Zion's Lutheran Hall at 8:30. Their opponents will be Church of The Brethern. Come out and watch the boys play ball.

BOWLING

Miss Ruby Whisman held high score last Saturday with 146. Come and enjoy bowling with First Christian groups at Zion Bowling Alleys.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

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If you have not already done so please pick your Church envelopes up. They are on a table at the rear of the Sanctuary. **Be sure your name is written on the box you take.**

DR. PERRY J. RICE

It is with regret that we announce the death of Rev. Perry J. Rice, Long Beach, California. Brother Rice was a minister here about the year 1900. We express our sincerest sympathy to his dear wife and family.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

"Mr. and Mrs. William Charles Rodgers request the pleasure of your company at a rededication ceremony honoring the Fiftieth Anniversary of their Marriage, Sunday afternoon, December 26th, 1948, at 12:30 o'clock, at the First Christian Church, Long Beach, California". The above is an invitation to members of First Christian Church, Fort Wayne. Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers have many friends here in this Church. And I am sure, you will all join in expressing heartiest congratulations to this fine couple. May God continue to bless them in the years ahead. The Rodgers family live at 13820 S. Fairlock Avenue, Clearwater, California.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Orrin Ogden and family in the recent death of his wife.



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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Rejoice — For winter, with its ice and snow, and its long cold nights, is blessed with Christmas—What a flood of precious memories are ours!—Hearthstones glowing with crackling fires, the pathway through the snow to Church, warm greetings of Christian friends, the blessed singing of carols! Christmas is a time of rich personal recollections.

Even more, Christmas brings a memory that is God-given to our race. A memory of a Mother, a Babe, Joseph, A Star and Heaven, glorious with a song of Prophecy, "Peace on Earth, Good Will among Men."

That first Christmas came when cruel forces and unprotected suffering seemed to color the whole of life with despair. As by divine decree it was shepherds, people unimportant in the affairs of Nations, who became the heralds of Earth's greatest hope and dream. They followed the heavenly vision. They came, they saw this thing which had come to pass. They worshipped the Babe in the manger and became the first messengers of the Good Tydings.

We must keep this memory alive. We must see the possibilities of God's great goodness everywhere. We must renew this Christmas experience in this day of cold indifference. Amidst the dark unknown ways of modern nations, we must show the new way by the heavenly light. By our own living we must keep alive in our hearts the quiet peace and power, that Christian joy, which the world can not give or take away.

The Joy and Peace of Christmas be yours today.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Talmadge Beck
and Martha Jeannette.

BASKETBALL TEAM

Our Basketball team lost the final game of the first half to the Church of the Brethren in a hard fought battle. The score was 24-23. The first game of the second half will be played Friday evening, January 7, 1949, at 7:30 at the Zion's Gym. First Christian will play the Gospel Temple.

NOTES

William Munro made high score last Saturday by bowling 147.

Mrs. L. A. Horn graciously opened her home to the High School and Older Youth for a party after the carolling on Sunday evening. This gesture was greatly appreciated by our Youth.

THERE WERE shepherds . . . abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock. And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: And they were sore afraid: And the angel said unto them:

Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people; for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This is a sign unto you: You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger.

Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying—

*Glory to God in the highest,
On earth peace among men in
Whom he is well pleased.*



I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.

And thought how as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said:
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep
"God is not dead nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men."

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow





*Christ the Saviour
is born....*

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ONWARD FIRST CHRISTIAN IN 1949

STEWARDSHIP, EVANGELISM CRUSADE

Mr. James W. Overby will assist L. O. Leet, National Stewardship Evangelist, in the two weeks program January 5 to January 16.



Mr. Overby is a successful business man, owner of the Centralia Paint and Wallpaper Company of Centralia, Ill. He is superintendent of the Sunday School of the First Christian Church of that city. He is also the tenor soloist of the choir. He is a **consecrated** **ti**her. He takes time off from his business each year to go out actually into the churches and to serve as an evangelist, being a specialist in personal evangelism. He is very active in the layman's league of the State of Illinois.

This crusade which will take place in our church requires the devotion of our entire membership.

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.
SERMON: The Church

Preacher, Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL—9:30 A.M.

This will be the last Sunday of the Year. Our Christmas Offering will be held over this Sunday.

CHRISTMAS GIFT

Among the Christmas gifts to our Church comes a most welcome one from Herman W. Sigrist. At the next meeting in the church basement you will find a piano. This gift from Mr. Sigrist will enable our groups to have good piano music in our Dining room. We take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the generosity of this good friend and member of our Church.

ORCHIDS TO CHURCH LOYALTY CRUSADE TEAMS

Here are the names of those of our membership who gave their time in an effort to increase our Church attendance for the last thirteen weeks.

Mrs. Paul Carpenter, Mrs. L. J. Bedford, Mr. Hugh Rice, Mr. Sherman Myers, Mr. Cecil Rice, Clayton Yoquelet, Mr. H. M. Flowers, Mr. Clay Orchard, Mrs. Amy Shawhan, Mrs. Lois Pifer, Mrs. Hugh Rice, Mrs. E. R. Harris, Mrs. E. Fusselman, Mrs. Dale Hiler, Mr. F. Wayne Rousseau, Mr. Stanley Cole, Miss Fay Woodhull, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Mrs. Eva Moiser, Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Mrs. Wm. Moffitt, Mrs. Charles Dare, Mrs. Owen Vaught, Mr. Dale Parkerson, Mr. B. W. Leversee, Mrs. William Robinson, Mrs. Ray Koster, Mrs. Charles Ludwig, Miss Ruby Whisman, Mr. J. M. Fitch, Mrs. R. J. Richard, Mr. Albert Egly, Mr. R. Schrecongost, Mr. John Davis, Mr. Collins Mannan, Mrs. Irene Cline, Miss Ernie Owen, Miss Sarah Shroyer, Miss Mabel Haynes.

Mr. Arza Smith, Mr. Walter Rodgers, Mr. R. J. Rousseau, Mr. Don Eyer, Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mrs. N. Newland, Mr. H. G. Hiler, Mr. J. J. McCarel, Mrs. M. Wagner, Mrs. L. A. Horn, Mr. Wm. Munro, Mr. Harold Donelson, Mr. Wm. Robinson, Mr. M. S. Kreps, Mr. Donald Miller, Mr. Robert Fahl, Mrs. Fred Wilson, Mrs. Leo Miller, Dr. R. W. Goebel, Mr. Robt. Rayl, Mr. Rolland Ripple, Mr. Marvin Crouse, Mr. Alan Bell, Mr. Eugene Munro, Mrs. Jos. Clark, Mrs. M. S. Kreps, Mr. Wm. E. Tracey, Mr. Myron Cole, Mr. M. G. Heller, Mr. H. K. Pritchard, Mrs. David Hogg, Mrs. J. C. Koegel, Mr. C. D. Palmer, Mr. R. H. Cole, Mrs. Robert Clipp, Mrs. Kenneth Miller, Mrs. Jos. Siples, Mrs. Millie Scherrer, Mrs. J. H. Tracey, Mrs. Robt. Truelove, Mrs. Ida Mae England, Mrs. Z. Berlein, Mr. J. E. Tracey, and Mr. W. C. Birkhold.

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Stewardship-Evangelism Crusade

UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF

L. O. LEET

National Stewardship Evangelist

Dallas, Texas

Assisted by JAMES W. OVERBY

Centralia, Illinois

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

7:30 p.m. WHAT PRICE CONSECRATION?

8:30 p.m. Group Conferences—Financial Committee—L. O. Leet

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

9:30 a.m. Church School — Youth Rally for all ages

10:30 a.m. THE CHURCH AND ITS ORDINANCES

7:30 p.m. WHO ARE THE LOST?

8:30 p.m. Youth Rally for all ages

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

7:30 p.m. THE ETERNAL TRIANGLE (Blackboard sermon)

8:30 p.m. Meeting of Bible School Staff

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

7:30 p.m. MUST A MAN DIE?

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

7:30 p.m. RELEASING POWER THROUGH PRAYER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

7:30 p.m. WHO LIVES IN YOU?

8:30 p.m. Rehearsal of Elders and Deacons

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

7:30 p.m. MY WAY TO GOD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

10:00 a.m. Great Combined service of school and Worship Sermon:

"CHRISTIANS CONSISTENT WITH CHRIST"

12:00 Noon—Basket dinner and presentation of the Manuscript containing suggestion for a year's program of Stewardship Education.

Christ Calls—What will YOUR answer be? Let us support the Stewardship Evangelism Crusade January 5 - January 16, under the leadership of L. O. Leet of Dallas, Texas.

January 5 Through January 16, 1949

FOOD! FOOD! FOOD!

MONDOMBE, BELGIAN CONGO. Evangelism with food seems to have taken up most of my week. I've purchased a ton or so of rice at the hospital for the patients, school folks, and their relatives, not to mention for the pigs, cattle, rabbits, ducks, chickens, and turkeys. Next I had to supervise the nurses in heating it and storing it in big steel drums. One tin they heated last year is still good, no weevils even a year later after storage in this way.

We have such a mob of people on the station and, although all the school folks are required to have gardens, in spite of our efforts, the food problem becomes very acute at times. There are no native food stores and when the villagers sell their own produce they ask such unreasonable prices our people are not able to get enough food. We buy food and sell it to our people at prices fixed by the government, which pleases everyone even if it does make a lot of work.

I've purchased some hundred bundles of cooked manioc bread and had it sold to boys and folks who do not cook. Our mission orange trees were quite prolific this year and Mrs. Baker had the fruit sentry bring me several bushels of fruit for my girls, patients and babies.

Baby clinic is just finished with 67 present, each baby and mother receiving oranges. The lepers come in for their share too and now I am waiting for them to come for their share of bread. Several of them have been deserted by their wives.

My 27 dormitory girls and some 90 of Hattie Mitchell's boys have been busy most of the week planting sweet potatoes. We plant trees. We try to raise chickens, ducks, turkeys, pigs, and cattle and still the patients' favorite greeting when I ask "What news?" is "Nzala" (Hunger), or worse yet "Jile" (Meat Hunger).

Yours for Better-Fed Africans,
Bueno R. Stober

ALL PEOPLES CHRISTIAN CHURCH in Los Angeles added fifteen boys to its membership on one Sunday recently. Shown with Dan B. Genung, pastor, are 12 of them after baptism. All except one had attended young people's conference two weeks before making the confession.



A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

*Create in me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit
within me.*



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MR. C. A. LEHNEKE

In the death of Mr. C. A. Lehneke, deacon emeritus, the church has lost one of its greatest benefactors. It may be said of Mr. Lehneke that he truly loved the church. He was loyal in his attendance and most generous in his support. He was first to push for a modern church even before additional property had been purchased and he was most enthusiastic about the program for the building of our new church building on South Calhoun Street. We have one regret that he was not able to see its fulfillment before his death. His memory will long live in this church, and his benefactions will continue to do good through out the years ahead.

MR. WILSON W. ROUSSEAU

News has just reached us of the tragic death of Mr. Wilson W. Rousseau.

New Prospective Member

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weicker on the birth of Kathryn Ann on December 13th at 2:30 P.M. in the Bloomington hospital. The fine young people now have a boy and a girl. Mr. Weicker received his Phi Beta Kappa key last year and is working on his master's degree in Indiana University this year. Our congregation will remember Mrs. Weicker as one of our finest soloists in the choir. In a letter from Mr. Weicker he gave high praise to our church and stated that he expected to be back in Fort Wayne in June when he will again assume responsibility in the work of our church.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Berdella Johnson and Mr. Wayne Orchard were united in marriage on December the 31st. They will reside in Fort Wayne after a short trip.

OUR CONCERN

Donna Leversee is doing well after an operation on her sinuses.

Robert Working is reported to be doing nicely at the Lutheran Hospital.

P. H. Somers is improving at the St. Joseph hospital.

BOWLING

Paul Whitton was appointed by the President of the Men's Forum to be recorder of its members at bowling. All interested are reminded of bowling at the Zion Bowling Alleys from 7 to 9 P.M. on Saturday.

EVENING GUILD

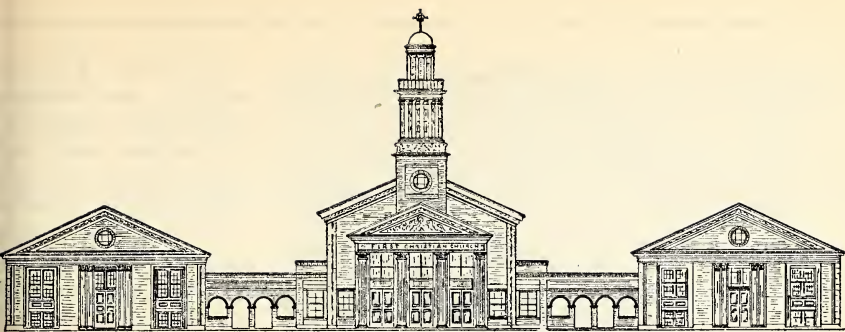
The Evening Guild will attend together as a group the Church services next Monday night. Following the services of the evening they will meet with Mrs. Edwin Geerken, 3420 Broadway for installation of officers and a short business meeting.

NOTES

Mrs. Clyde Driver, chairman, Mrs. David Hogg, Mrs. Dale Hiler and Mrs. Irene Cline were hostesses for the dinner given for the officers and teachers of the Church School on Thursday, January 6.

The Deaconesses: Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, Mrs. Fred Wilson, Mrs. H. M. Flowers, Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Mrs. Charles Dare and Mrs. David Hogg were the hostesses for the dinner meeting given for the Official Board on Wednesday evening, Jan. 5.

The hostesses for the Tuesday evening meeting were: Mrs. Don Eyer, chairman, Mrs. H. M. Flowers, Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mrs. Clay Orchard, Mrs. Alan Bell, Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Mrs. Chas. Fuchshuber.



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VICTORY SUNDAY

Climax of Stewardship-Evangelism Crusade

Large Combined Service 10:00 A. M.

WHITE "V" FOR VICTORY!!!!

If you arrive before 10 A.M. next Sunday Morning you will receive a "V" for Victory.

LAST SERVICE OF THE CRUSADE

Remember there will be only one service this next Sunday. The Victory service at 10:00 A.M. This is the last time you will hear Mr. Leet and Mr. Overby.

100 Per Cent Attendance

Each Class in our Church School is working for 100% attendance next Sunday, this great **Victory service**. To have 100% every active member must be present. No class will have 100% attendance if one person on the active list is absent. Your Class is **Depending on You**. Make whatever sacrifice is necessary and be **present** at 10:00 A.M.

Help Your Church And Our Leaders

Your teacher and **officers**, the scores of people who have been working in this crusade, Mr. L. O. Leet, of Dallas, Texas, our guest leader, and Mr. James W. Overby, our guest soloist. **All** are doing all they can to make this Sunday a **great victory**. Will you help your church and these leaders to have 100% of our congregation this Sunday.

Victory Dinner

Following the great morning service there will be a **victory dinner**. Please bring a covered dish and plan to stay for this victory dinner. Each family will please bring their own table service.

Sermon

CHRISTIAN CONSISTENT WITH CHRIST will be the subject of the final sermon by Mr. Leet.

Love Gift

Designated as Love gift, envelopes have been sent to all our members. This goes to our leaders, Mr. Leet and Mr. Overby who have led us in this crusade. **Please** bring these to the morning service 10:00 A.M.



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, the interdenominational agency for overseas relief and reconstruction, through funds given by churches of America, makes possible barracks churches such as this for the countries of Europe.

Thus, through the annual Week of Compassion offering, our churches in the United States are giving direct aid to those of the ravaged countries of Europe.

NEWS IN HOME MISSIONS

Miss Jean Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Long of Southern Christian Institute, joined the staff of Mexican Christian Institute this year.

Miss Leona Hood, who had served at Mexican Christian Institute for 25 years, is with Hazel Green Academy this year. A kindergarten for small children of the village of Hazel Green has been opened, and visits are being made to at least two rural schools. The program of the Academy will supplement that of the schools.

Miss Katherine Schutze, who has served as a missionary to China at Hazel Green Academy, and more recently as superintendent at Yakima Indian Christian Mission, White Swan, Washington, has resigned to become a national director in the department of missionary organizations of the United Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Norment, formerly of the Paraguay Mission, have been appointed superintendents of the Yakima Indian Christian Mission at White Swan, Washington. They are enthusiastic about the possibilities for Christian service.

A SERVICE OF MERCY

• **PENDRA ROAD, INDIA.** Perhaps the food habits, or the lack of certain food elements in the diet of the ordinary people, is one of the factors in the large number of cataracts in India. Some say it's the glare of the sun. At any rate, blindness and near blindness is a characteristic of the Indian scene. The blind being led by a child with a stick as a lead rope is a common sight. The number of cases of eye trouble is almost amazing.

Our Christian Hospital at Mungeli has a specialized Eye Department and is doing a great deal in this line. As well as their program at the hospital, from time to time they conduct Eye Camps and carry their operation tables into the villages.

Along with his team, Dr. Victor Rambo came here and used our buildings for a two-day camp. In the mornings they made examinations, and in the afternoons operated on the more hopeful cases. This was considered a small camp—only sixty-nine operations in two days.

—Dr. Kenneth Bonham.



*From every stormy wind that blows,
From every swelling tide of woes,
There is a calm, a sure retreat;
'Tis found beneath the mercy seat.*

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Sincere Thanks

The families of Mr. W. W. Rousseau: Mr. and Mrs. Richard I. Rousseau, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau and Miss Lenore Rousseau wish to take this opportunity to thank every friend in the Church for their kind and thoughtful expressions of sympathy during their recent sorrow.

Woman's Council

The General Council will meet on Tuesday afternoon, January 18 at 2:15 P.M. This is "Presidents Day" when we will honor our past presidents. The program committee has a fine program outlined. Devotions will be arranged for by our new Committee chairman, Mrs. Alan Bell. The Dorcas group will have charge of the refreshments; special music in charge of Mrs. J. M. Fitch. The members of the Ruth group will be hostesses.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD will meet at 1:15 P.M.

Appreciation

We express appreciation to our Leaders, Mr. Leet and Mr. Overby for their liberal use of their time and efforts with our Church.

Illness

Mrs. R. H. Cole, 816 E. Sherwood Terrace is a patient in Lutheran hospital. Mr. Robert E. Working is convalescing at Lutheran hospital. Others who are ill: Mrs. M. G. Heller, Mrs. Estella Shockey, Mrs. E. E. Buchanan, Mr. Preston H. Somers. And we have many shut-ins. Let us remember these fine friends in our prayers.

Mr. W. W. Rousseau

In the death of Mr. Rousseau the Church has lost one of its most faithful members. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family. His son, Richard J. Rousseau, was Treasurer of the Church. His son, F. Wayne Rousseau, is an elder. Services were held on Thursday, January 6th.

NOTES

The Choir of the West Creighton Avenue Christian Church occupied our choir loft on Tuesday evening, January 11. We enjoyed this opportunity for Christian fellowship with our sister congregation.

The Junior Choir will give special music at the services on Friday evening of this week. They will appear in their choir robes under the direction of Miss Anita Fitch. These young people come from our Junior and Intermediate Departments.

Orchids

We give orchids this week to the couples who have headed up our calling program: Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Flowers and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Miller, Walter C. Birkhold and Albert Egley, Mr. and Mrs. Don J. Eyer, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Orchard, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bell, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fuchshuber. We express our appreciation for the great group of people who assisted these couples.

The Pictures

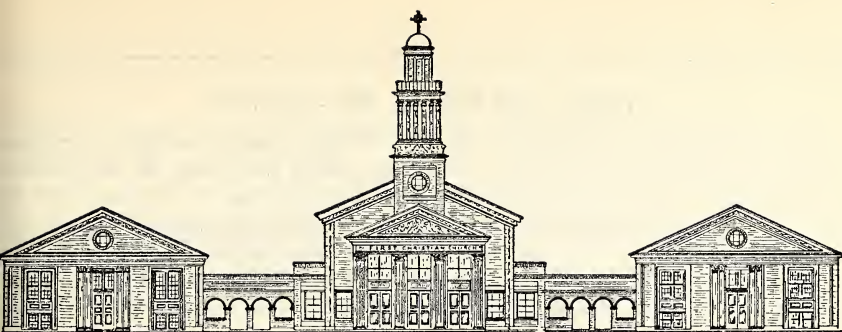
The pictures shown each night during the Crusade were in charge of Mr. B. W. Leversee. The Sunset and the Sunrise slides were furnished by Miss Sarah Shroyer. These beautiful colored pictures were taken by Miss Shroyer on her trip last summer.

BOWLING

Saturday 7-9 P.M. Zion Bowling Alleys.

BASKETBALL

Our team has won the last two games.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

SERMON "Jesus

PREACHER: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

All except three classes had 100% in attendance last Sunday. It has been proven that the First Christian Church can do it. Keep up the fine spirit that has been developed during this Crusade which ended last Sunday.

CRUSADE RESULTS

We are pleased to announce the results of the Stewardship Evangelism Crusade: ONE HUNDRED AND TEN signed the covenant for tithing. The goal set for the Crusade for a Christian World was 50 titheers. We have more than doubled our goal.

SEVENTEEN NEW ADDITIONS came in during this period. Our goal for the Crusade for the Christian World which ends June 30, 1950, is 75. We have now taken in 106 new members, passing our goal by 31.

Our goals in trained leaders; in homes observing daily worship; in reading of Church literature and in increase in Church School enrollment as well as our direct gift to this program is yet to be achieved and tabulated.

PUTTING PROGRAM INTO OPERATION

Our Stewardship Evangelism Crusade could not have the success it has been without the cooperation and leadership of many of our members. We want to express our appreciation of all those who contacted our membership, of those who led and worked in special committees included dinner committees, greeting committees.

The same kind of cooperation can spell success for the larger program which shall be launched before the conclusion of this month.

On last Sunday the Church expressed publicly and individually the appreciation we have for L. O. Leet and James W. Overby, soloist and prayer was offered for the continued success of this program in other churches. Mr. Leet went to

THE CRUSADE IN INDIA

The intermediate department of the Mungeli Sunday school is working hard at the Crusade. They have signed up cards and some of the children are bringing in two cents per month. They hope to raise 15 rupees. They use the English word C R U S A D E and are learning the meaning of it, too. We are convinced that the Crusade begins with the youngest ones in the church.

The special effort of the Crusade in the Bilaspur Church is doing a lot for attendance. Two new classes have been formed. New life has come into the whole Sunday school because of this emphasis.

Sunday schools for children and others are being organized in the villages. I cannot think of a place in the villages where the Crusade is not functioning. India needed the Crusade. We feel that the financial goal of 9000 rupees will be the easiest part of it. If we reach other goals, the money will come very easily.

—Ray E. Rice
Takhatpur, C. P., India



GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION

Pastor Juan Baptista (center) and the congregation of the Christian Church at Dajos Arriba, Puerto Rico, are among those who eagerly await the opening of the Fiftieth Anniversary Convention on March 6. It is expected that at least one hundred friends from the churches on the mainland will be in attendance.

Here are some statistics from the Puerto Rico Mission for last year. Organized churches—36; preaching points (including the organized

churches)—92; self-supporting churches—19; baptisms—341; total membership—5,005; net gain in membership—137 (this small net gain was caused by many church members moving to New York City to look for work); Bible Schools—56; average attendance any one Sunday—4,115; young people's societies—29; members of young people's societies—1,080; ministers—28; Bible women—3.





Peace, be still

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Charleston, W. Va. The successful preparation for our Crusade was due to the loyalty of the executive committee and the finance committee of the Church and to the great amount of preparation which was done through the office. Especial appreciation is given to Mrs. Vaught, Church Secretary.

FEBRUARY 20th to 27th

COMMUNITY-WIDE VISITATION EVANGELISM

The First Christian Church will again cooperate with the churches of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne in a Community-wide visitation program of Evangelism. Members of the church are urgently requested to turn in names and addresses of persons on whom our visitors should call with invitations to join our church. Please state the reason for giving the names submitted.

C. Y. F. and OLDER YOUNG PEOPLE

Our young people will again be on their regular schedule this next Sunday. Miss Ruby Whisman and Miss Evelyn Powell are working out an interesting program and Mr. Marvin Crouse will be Master of Ceremonies during the social period.

BOWLING

Charles E. Fuchshuber led the bowlers last Saturday with 189. Remember you are welcome from 7 to 9 on Saturday evening at the Zion Bowling Alleys.

BASKETBALL

Watch the newspapers for the time and place for the games.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Berdella Lee Johnson and Wayne H. Orchard were united in marriage on December 31, 1948 at First Christian Church.

Miss Dorothy Orchard and Mr. Clair Buskirk were united in marriage on January 9 at the home of her brother, Mr. Clay Orchard of New Haven.

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cole on the birth of Michael Romaine Cole on last Monday, January 10th. Mr. and Mrs. Cole have both a boy and a girl in their home.

ILLNESS

Mr. Sherman G. Myers has been confined to his home for the last ten days. He is much improved at this writing.

Mrs. C. B. Whitman fell and is suffering from bruises at her home at 371 Warsaw.

NOTES

The Dorcas group served dinner for the Eskay Dairy Company on Monday evening,



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YOUTH SUNDAY — JANUARY 30, 1949

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

This Sunday the youth of our Church will share in our worship service. The Junior Choir, directed by Miss Anita Fitch, will bring a special number.

Representatives from the High School Class will assist the pastor. The Junior Board of Deacons will serve at the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

SERMON: "Who Are We Christians"

Preacher: Our Pastor

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

The Progressive Class had a fine attendance last Sunday morning. Other classes are showing increases. Our pastor is bringing a series of studies on "Family Life" before the Come-Double Class.

YOUTH GROUPS

The Youth Groups will meet together Sunday in a pot-luck supper at 6:30 P.M. A good program is being planned. Mr. Marvin Crouse is scheduled to be with this group at their social period.

VISITATION EVANGELISM

Our membership is asked to turn in names of prospects for our Church. Looking toward our visitation program of February 20th. The morning congregation through the attendance cards have turned in over 20 names. Bring your names with you next Sunday.

BOWLING

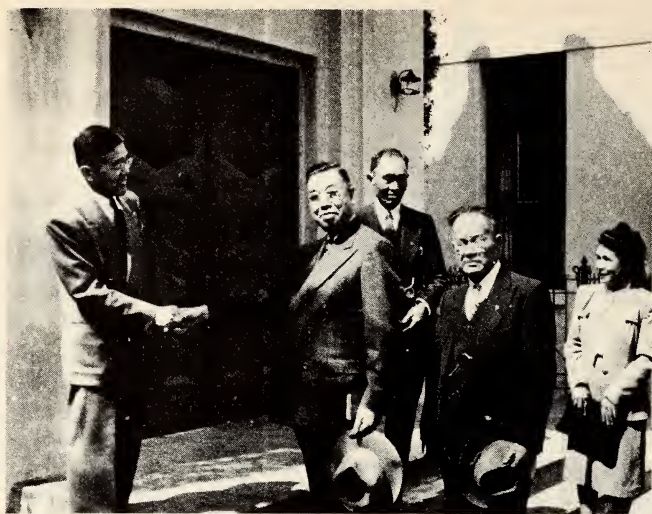
Paul Whitton, official recorder, from the Men's Forum reports that 24 people were bowling last Saturday. The high score was made by Charles Fuchshuber. Among the younger group William Munro and Robert Fahl lead with 166. Miss Ruby Whisman lead the women with a score of 165. Some of our families are bowling as a family. It is suggested that we come as near seven o'clock as possible.

LEAGUE OF DECENCY

Charles E. Fuchshuber is the representative of our Church in this program sponsored by the Associated Churches to eliminate obscene and unfit literature from the magazine stands in our community.

\$100,000.00 GIFT

Newcastle Church, which our pastor served before coming to Fort Wayne, received a gift of \$100,000 recently. This will go toward the building of a Modern Church Edifice.



*Rev. K. Un-
oura greets
some of his
members as
they come for
Sunday morn-
ing service.*

THE BIRTH OF A CHURCH

It was seven years ago that the Japanese were removed from the west coast, following the outbreak of war with Japan. This meant the evacuation of the entire membership of the Japanese Christian Church at Los Angeles in connection with Japanese Christian Institute. But soon there emerged in its stead All People's Christian Church with the congregation now being made up of many nationalities.

Since the close of the war many of the families of the former Japanese Christian Church have returned to the city, and with them their faithful pastor, the Rev. K. Unoura. Although

settled now some distance from All People's, they have met for worship in that property, many of their services being held in the Japanese language for the benefit of the older men and women.

Last fall the congregation purchased a lot on which they are planning to erect a church soon, and they will be known as West Adams Street Christian Church.

Through the home missions division of The United Christian Missionary Society, Disciples of Christ are aiding this congregation in its program and will assist in the construction of its building.



THE PRACTICE OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD

The United Board for Christian Colleges in China has announced the appointment of the Rev. Darius L. Swann, twenty-four-year-old Negro educator and clergyman from Virginia to the faculty of the University of Nanking, China. Mr. Swann, who will teach in the foreign Language department of the University, is said to be the first member of his race to

join the faculty of any of the thirteen Christian colleges in China which are mission-supported.

The school established by F. E. Meigs of the Disciples of Christ Mission, in the early days of our work there, is a part of this University, and several of its schools are deaned by men of our churches in Nanking.

*"We are the clay, and thou art our potter;
And we are all the work of thy hand."*

—Isaiah 64:8



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A member of First Church reports that she overheard the following conversation one Sunday on her way to church

Small boy: "But, Grandma, you said I could go shopping with you."

Grandmother: "Yes, but you didn't bring your money."

Boy: "I could use my Sunday School money."

Grandmother (scornfully): "Oh, that wouldn't buy anything!"

Grandmother's remark is all too true, we fear. And small boys are not the only ones who give money to the church that will buy nothing elsewhere. If only all could realize that the church has to have more than token gifts in order to accomplish its work!

—Selected.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Bible Class will meet with Mrs. Clyde Driver, 2316 S. Clinton St. Friday evening, February 4, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Leo Blair assisting hostess.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Martha Circle will meet with Mrs. Charles Dare, 115 E. Masterson Ave., Thursday, February 3, at 2:15 P.M. Mrs. Owen Vaught will give devotions and Mrs. Dare will review the book, "The China Story".

The Naomi Circle will meet with Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, 826 Lake Ave. Wednesday, February 2, at 2:15 P.M. Mrs. Ruth Braum will assist the hostess.

The Ruth Circle will meet with Mrs. Amy Shawhan, 1123 W. Wayne St. for an All-day Quilting on Tuesday, February 1st. The covered-dish luncheon will be served at noon.

The Rachel Circle will meet with Mrs. Margaret Owen, 1323 E. Pontiac St. on Tuesday, February 1st. Mrs. Sigrist will give the devotions. Mrs. Cline is in charge of the program.

The Dorcas Circle will meet with Mrs. Joe W. Clark, 4423 Gaywood, Thursday, February 3rd at 2:00 P.M. Mrs. F. E. Morrical will give the devotions. Mrs. Harold Roberts is in charge of the program.

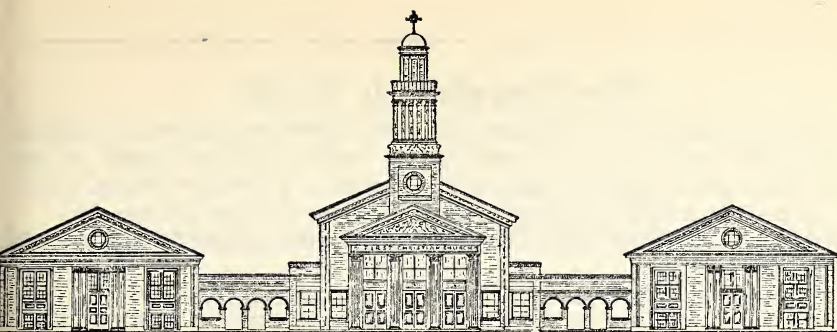
HONOR ROLL

(The Honor Roll includes those who have paid up pledges for 1948)

Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Beck, Mrs. Ethel Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Anders, Robert Anderson, Mrs. Ruth Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ashe, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Banet, Mrs. Jeanette Barbier, Martha Jeannette Beck, Mrs. Alma Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bell, Mrs. J. Z. Berlien, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mrs. H. J. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, Mr. and Mrs. Martin C. Brudi, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Buchanan, Mrs. Stella Burkhalter, Mrs. Myona Binkley, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Cahow, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carpenter, Mrs. Wm. Coblentz, Mrs. Edna B. Clark, Mrs. Irene Cline, Mrs. and Mrs. R. E. Clipp, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Cole, Miss Emma Crabill, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crouse, Mrs. Aden Current, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Dalton, Mr. Lowell Dare, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Davis, Mrs. Rhoda Depotty, Mrs. Ella Diss, Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Ditton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donohue and Wilda Donohue, Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ellison, David Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Don J. Eyer, Mr. Robert Fahl, Miss Anita Fitch, Fitch Brothers, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Flaugh, Mrs. Frank Frame, Mr. and Mrs. George Frost, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Frost, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Fuchshuber, Miss Janice Fuchshuber, Bonnie Lou Fusselman, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Fusselman, Mrs. Nettie Funk. (To be continued).

ANNOUNCEMENT

Miss Lou Ann Bailey announces her coming marriage to Mr. Richard Thomas on Saturday, February 12 at 4:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary of our Church. The members of our congregation are invited to this wedding. Miss Bailey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Bailey.



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FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, FEBRUARY 3, 1949

Number 34

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

SERMON: "THE SOUL"

PREACHER: Our Pastor

In spite of the zero weather we had a good representation at the worship service Sunday. Someone said, "we do not let bad weather keep us from our work or our children from school, even more we should see that our families are in church on Sunday in either cold or warm weather." There is no doubt about our obligations and responsibility. We should promote our church by being present whenever possible.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Our Superintendent and co-superintendents are setting a good example. Mr. Cecil Rice, Mr. Alan Bell and Mr. B. W. Leversee have a perfect attendance for this year. We should support our officers and our teachers with good attendance.

Our young people represented by Normand Horn, Jeanette Redman and the Junior Board of Deacons made a fine contribution to Youth Sunday Service. The High School Class, with Miss Ruby Whisman and Miss Evelyn Powell, as sponsors have been showing a good attendance. The Youth Choir, directed by Miss Anita Fitch, gave a pleasing number in their choir robes last Sunday. These young people are practicing on special music to be given before the congregation at a future date. They meet every Saturday morning to practice at 10:45 A.M.

MEN'S FORUM

Rabbi Joseph A. Gorfinkle, of Jacob B'Nai Synagogue will be the guest speaker at the Men's Forum Sunday evening at 6:15 o'clock. This is the second in a series that the Forum is sponsoring on "getting acquainted with our neighbors." This affords our men a real opportunity to hear Jewish Worship explained by a Jewish Rabbi.

At this meeting we shall hear for the first time the male quartette of the Men's Forum. Mr. Glenn Miller will also favor the Forum with several selections on his Saxophone.

Mr. D. G. Norton, the president, calls this a **star program** which no one can afford to miss. The dinner committee is headed by Hugh Rice and Henry M. Flowers. You are urged to make your reservation at once for this dinner.

THE CHOIR

Mrs. E. C. Schiller is the new director of our Church choir. She is a graduate of Music of Northwestern University and has had wide experience in teaching and has a private studio in Fort Wayne. Those interested in singing in the choir are asked to get in touch with Mrs. Schiller or Mr. Vaught, chairman, of the Department of Church Worship.

The Churches At Work

Church World Service, that great arm of the Protestant churches of America, which reaches out to the far corners of the earth in a service which no one church alone could render, is a part of A Crusade for a Christian World. Offerings received in a Week of Compassion become a part of the Crusade gift.

Headlines of reports from Church World Service tell part of the story of that work:

"EMERGENCY IN PAKISTAN EASED BY CWS ATABRINE"

"10,000 EUROPEAN CHILDREN REHABILITATED IN HOLLAND"

"CWS HAS LEADING ROLE IN DP PLAN."

Under the simple title "JUNGLE HOSPITAL" is this story:

In the swampy, malaria infested district of Bassein, in Burma's delta area, thousands of natives who have never known treatment for diseases other than the crudities of witch doctors, will soon have the most modern medical facilities.

A floating hospital, housed aboard a motor launch, will travel the rivers of the area, making regular stops at the many villages. Equipped and staffed by funds from the American churches through CWS, the compact little unit will be of untold value in combating diseases of the area while spreading its message of Christian love to many who have been in ignorance.



Southern Christian Institute

EDWARDS, MISSISSIPPI

A school for Negro boys and girls, part of the home missions service of Disciples of Christ through The United Christian Missionary Society, offers instruction from kindergarten through an accredited high school and junior college.

- 11 Principal buildings in a campus of approximately ten acres with 1250 acres in farm and pasture land.
- 26 Members on the staff.
- 555 Students enrolled in 1948-49.



**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, My
Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions,
they fail not;
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be.**

—Thomas O. Chisholm.



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SPORTS

Mr. Paul Whitton gives the following report of the bowling last Saturday. The high score goes to Robert Whitton with 162. Miss Ruby Whisman made 159, and Bill Munro brought in 149. Last Saturday was low in attendance. Those interested in Bowling are urged to come next Saturday night as near 7 o'clock as possible. There is room for at least 30 bowlers and in order to keep all the alleys for our Church we need a better attendance.

BASKETBALL

Though our team did not win their last two games, the scores were very close and they are playing fine ball. They will play next Saturday evening at the Y.M.C.A. Come out and support your team.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Mrs. L. J. Bedford, Marilyn Crouse, James Crouse, Mrs. Lilian Gagnon, Mrs. Edwin Geerkin, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Greenwood, Mrs. Curtis Herndon, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harris, Miss Mildred Hartman, Miss Mabel Haynes, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hiler, Mrs. Anna Hirschy, Sally Hirschy, Mrs. David Hogg, Mrs. F. O. Hoover, Miss Kathryn Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Hopkins, Miss Mildred Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Mrs. Oscar Isay, Rev. Richard Jones, Miss Elaine Jones, Mr. and Mrs. John Juday, Mrs. Ella King, Mr. Robt. Kinnaman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kirby, Mr. Verne C. Knight, Mrs. J. C. Koegel, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Koster, Mrs. Cora Kover, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Krall, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Kreps, Mr. Charles Krick, Mr. B. W. Leversee, Miss Donna Leversee, Mrs. Emily Lowman, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ludwig, Mrs. J. A. Lynn, Mr. J. J. McCarel, Mrs. J. J. McCarel, Miss Louise McGuire, Miss Marguerite McGuire, Mrs. C. R. McMaken, Mr. and Mrs. Collins Mannan, Mrs. E. T. Metcalf, Mrs. Raymond Bley, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moffitt, Mrs. G. T. Munson and family, Miss Dorothy Murphy.

(To be continued)

VISITATION EVANGELISM

Until the Sunday of February 20, members are urged to turn in the names of prospects for our church. At that time we shall join the other churches of our community in a visitation program of evangelism.

Elders Schedule for February

February 6—F. Wayne Rousseau, Dr. A. C. Worley; Feb. 13—B. W. Leversee, Dale Parkerson; Feb. 20—F. E. Morrical, Hugh D. Rice; Feb. 27—Owen Vaught, Albert Egly.

Deacons Schedule for February

C. D. Palmer, Captain, A-56632; Robert Rayl, Martin C. Brudi, K. W. Sefton, A. L. Gaskell, L. S. Sentman, M. G. Heller, Leo E. Miller.

The Official Board

The February meeting of the Official Board will be held on Wednesday evening, February 9 at 8:00 P.M.

Woman's Council

The Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. Adam Ragan, 133 E. Wallace St., Tuesday evening, February 8th.

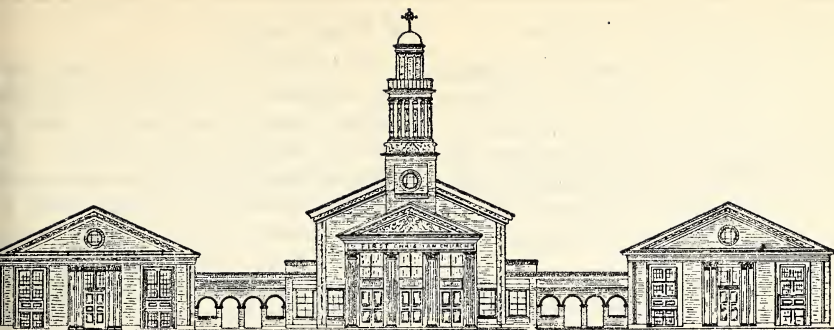
The Rebecca Circle will meet with Mrs. Robert W. Ashe, 3015 Pennsylvanic on Thursday, February 10.

Project Committee

The Project Committee of the General Council will meet with Mrs. Clyde Driver, 2316 S. Clinton St. on Tuesday evening, February 8th.

Our Sympathy

We extend to Frederic Smell and his family our sincerest sympathy in the loss of his mother who passed away last Sunday. Mr. Smell was the president of the Progressive Class last year.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

SERMON: "PRAYER"

PREACHER: Our Pastor

VISITATION EVANGELISM

During the week of February 20, we will join the member churches of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne in a City-wide evangelism campaign. First Christian needs more names of prospects. Please turn your name in next Sunday.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

OUR CHURCH PROGRAM

From time to time we shall endeavor to acquaint our membership with the program which the church is trying to carry through its various organizations in an endeavor to build up the character and life of its membership and to become influential for Christian things in the life of our community.

The success of any program depends upon the loyalty of each individual member. We have just completed a very definite program in the matter of Christian Stewardship in which we have endeavored to show that we owe Christ and His church not only a definite part of our income but a definite part of our time. As we set a time aside for sleeping and eating so we should have a definite time devoted to the work of the church.

So this year the Church School as well as the Official Board will expect co-operation on the part of all those who are members of the Church. We are looking ahead to the days when in the new building even more doors of opportunity will be opened. So we solicit the thoughts and prayers, the good words and deeds which each of us can give.

BOWLING

We were pleased with the turn out last Saturday, Thank you. High scores: Mr. Charles Fuchshuber, 209; Mr. Kenneth Miller, 190; Don Eyer, 172; Myron Cole, 168; B. W. Leversee, 165; Mrs. C. E. Fuchshuber, 165; and a lot more. Where were the Young people last week. Let us have a record crowd next Saturday night at Zion's Gym.

THEY STILL NEED US ! ! !

The Week of Compassion, February 20. The Crusade at the Half-way mark. It's a Victory—But It Isn't Finished.

"Let no one mistake the urgency of these days! We have done much to help, but we have not done enough. No matter how we seek to escape our responsibility, the fact remains that **THEY STILL NEED US**, and we as Christians will hear their cry and minister unto them."

A Distinguished Visitor

Dr. George P. Howard, traveling ambassador for Evangelical Christianity in Latin America, spent ten days in Paraguay last year, lecturing from the forum of Colegio Internacional, preaching in our Asuncion Church, and holding personal conferences with students.

Supported jointly by mission boards of Methodists, Presbyterians, and Disciples of Christ, Dr. Howard, gives full time to evangelistic work in the countries of South America. He has been especially successful in attracting large audiences for meetings in public buildings since the state church does now allow the attendance of her people in Protestant churches.

Dr. Howard says, "Latin America is in violent ferment. It would be difficult to exaggerate the significance of the profound changes in the twenty Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking countries south of the Rio Grande. Their cultural and religious roots, as well as their economic dependence, are in Europe; and the mother continent is in chaos. European feudalism, aristocracy and privilege have their prolongations in, and are fighting for, their continued existence in Latin America."

A New Cargo

White Beach, Okinawa, three years ago swarmed with American GI's who worked among mountainous piles of military supplies and munitions. The shooting war with Japan was over. Soldiers, sailors and marines talked of nothing more eagerly than of "going home." Every ship that emptied its cargo on the beach sailed away again with the lucky ones who got the "green light."

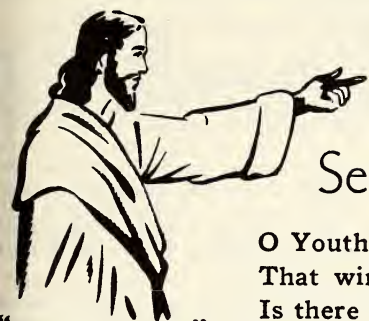
Today the ships come less frequently to this largest of the Ryukyu Islands which reach like stepping stones across the East China Sea from southernmost Japan to Formosa. The GI population has dwindled and the huge piles of munitions have melted away.

Twenty-two tons of shoes, 194 goats, seven sewing machines, 38 tons of school supplies, 24 bicycles, 3,000 pounds of shortening, 10,000 Bibles printed in Japanese, 8,000 pounds of dried beef, eight tons of bedding, one ton of hog cholera serum, 220 tons of assorted clothing . . . these are items typical of the new cargoes arriving at Okinawa, bearing not the stamp of a military organization but that of Church World Service, the united channel of the Protestant and Orthodox Churches—the only relief agency operating in Okinawa.



Dr. George P. Howard, right, with two of our missionary couples in Paraguay—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lemmon and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mills; and Dr. and Mrs. Insaurralde. Dr. Crispin Insaurralde who has served for many years as school doctor at Colegio Internacional and whose family are members of our Asuncion Church, is now Minister of Health in the cabinet of the president of Paraguay.





"Follow Me"

Seekers In The Way

O Youth upon the Upward Road
That winds away from view,
Is there a vision from afar
That calls and beckons you?
Why is it that you walk secure
With shoulders held erect?
Is there a Leader out beyond?
A Guide whom you respect?
O Lord of all the Upward Road,
Keep strong our youth, we pray!
May age and youth together seek
To follow in Thy way.

— *Mabel Niedermeyer McCaw*



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WOMAN'S COUNCIL — COLONIAL TEA — TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

At 2:15 P.M. the General Council will hold their Annual Colonial Tea. The Rachel Group will serve as hostesses. The Ruth Group will be Hospitality and a number of the members of this Circle will dress in Colonial Costume. We would like to see many others in costume. If you have a colonial costume wear it to our party. We cordially invite every woman in the Church to come and enjoy this program with us. Invite a friend, we should like to have a good attendance. Mrs. Charles Dare, Program Chairman, has secured Mrs. J. J. Farwell as guest speaker. Mrs. Farwell will review the book, "A Chinatown Family," by Lin Yutang. Devotions by the Martha Group. There will be special music. We are earnestly appealing to the members of the Council to come to this party.

For this party, we will need card tables. Each group is urged to furnish at least four tables and invite sufficient guests to help fill them. Tables may be brought to the Church on next Sunday or at any time before next Tuesday.

General Executive of the Council will meet at 1:15 on Tuesday in the Church Chapel.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Norton, Mrs. Cora Nowells, Mrs. Margaret Owen, Miss Ernie Owen, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parkerson, Mrs. Alpha Piercy, Mrs. Lois Pifer, Miss Evelyn Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Verl Pribble, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Pritchard, Mrs. Rosella Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl, Mrs. Mallie Reidt, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Ripple, Mrs. Harold Roberts, Mrs. George C. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Robinson, Mrs. F. H. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, Mrs. Olive Roy, Mrs. James Rupel, Mrs. C. R. Sargent, Miss Edna Saxon, Mrs. Mellie Scherrer, Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, Miss Dona Schrecongost, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schrecongost, Mrs. Lillian Scott, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Semones, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sharp, Mrs. Amy Shawhan, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Miss Sarah Shroyer, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Miss Pauline Sigrist, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Siples, Mr. and Mrs. Arzo Smith, Mrs. Edith Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stevenson, Mrs. Roger Symms, Mrs. Merl Teeters, Mrs. Louise Ternet, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Tharp, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hugh Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Tracey, Miss Harriet Treace, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Van Alstine, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Vaught, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Vesey, Miss Ruby Whisman, Doyle Whitton, Gerald Whitton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitton, Robert Whitton, Mrs. C. B. Whitman, Miss Carol Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Winfield, Miss Nancy Woodhull, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Working, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yentes, Mr. and Mrs. C. Yoquelet, Mrs. Orpha Yost, Miss Ruth Yost, Miss Wilma Yost, Mr. and Mrs. Bret Young, Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Young, Sylvan Young.

A Prospective Member

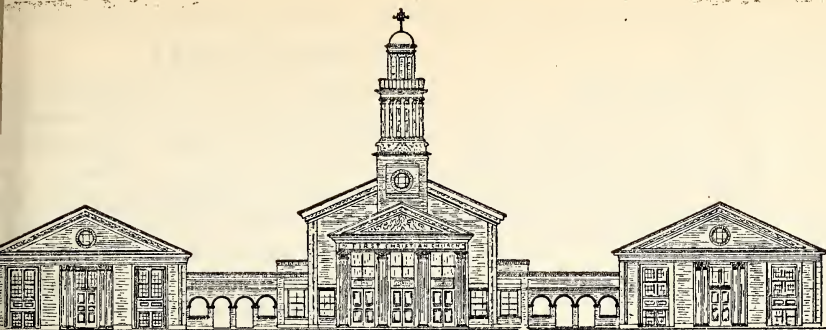
David Michael, born to Mr. and Mrs. Aden Current, 2314 New Haven Ave., on January 15, 1949. Congratulations to these fine parents.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our pastor attended the meeting of the International Council of Religious Education at Columbus, Ohio, earlier this week, as a delegate for the Disciples of Christ at the Ministerial Section. He returned home on Wednesday.

Our Sympathy

We wish to extend heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mr. Norval Gorham who passed away last Monday. Mr. Gorham has been a loyal and faithful member of First Christian for many years. We will miss him. May God be with his family in these dark hours.



FIRST CHRISTIAN TIDINGS

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Volume II

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, FEBRUARY 17, 1949

Number 36

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

SERMON: CONSCIENCE

PREACHER: OUR PASTOR

Anthem: "Seek Ye The Lord"

The Choir, directed by Mrs. C. E. Schiller

Solo: "Spirit Divine"

Mr. Owen Vought

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

The Church is making plans for interesting Sundays ahead. The Department of Religious Education has the following persons appointed by Chairman Albert Egly; Cecil Rice, Chairman; Alan Bell, Co-ordinating Officer; B. W. Leversee, Mrs. Robert T. Beck, Dale Parkerson, Miss Ruby Whisman, Miss Sarah Shroyer and Mrs. Ray Koster.

VISITATION EVANGELISM

The Visitation workers from First Christian Church will meet together this Friday evening, February 18, at 7:30 o'clock at the Church.

All Visitation workers from the Associated Churches will meet at 3 P.M. **Sunday afternoon, February 20, at First Methodist Church**, corner East Wayne and Lafayette Streets, for a mass pep session.

Dinners will be served to the Workers at First Christian Church, Monday night, February 21; at Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, Tuesday night, February 22; at First Methodist Church, Wednesday night, February 23. Dinners are 50c.

Immediately following the dinners, the Workers will begin calling on prospects.

WEEK OF COMPASSION

The Month of February is designated as "Brotherhood Month." February 20-27 is the Week of Compassion. The theme is, Brotherhood — Basis for Peace.

SUPPER OF COMPASSION

The Official Board of First Christian is sponsoring a "Supper of Compassion" on Friday evening, February 25, at 7:30 P.M. in the Dining room of the Church. At this time, members may bring their offerings for Suffering Humanity. Also, members are privileged to share together an inspirational program worthy of this very fine and needful cause. Offerings to this cause will be credited toward our Goal in the Crusade for A Christian World.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Good news comes from India. First, the law established in Central Provinces in 1947 forbidding anyone to change his religion, has now been repealed.

While our India Mission has continued preaching Christ as through previous years, there is a feeling now of freedom from restraint.

Another legal victory is the prohibiting by law of "*untouchability*" which for centuries has held thousands of India's people as virtual serfs.

Missions have been working toward this day, and will aid in the realization of this ideal.

BONDS OF UNITY

Probably the most significant accomplishment of the World Council of Churches Assembly in Amsterdam last summer was its influence in strengthening the bonds of unity and fellowship among Christian Churches.

Church and lay leaders from forty countries emphasized the importance of sustaining the work of the churches in all lands, especially where economic and political upheaval have left the churches destitute or in ruins. The churches destitute or in ruins.

The churches of America are already devoting a considerable part of their relief and reconstruction funds to inter-church aid. Our offering in the Week of Compassion will help make this a continuous service.



CHRISTIAN CHURCH, PORTO REAL, Quezon Province, Philippine Islands. The first chapel built by the Disciples' Church Erection Credit Union in that field.

This building has hardwood posts set in cement bases, and galvanized iron roof. Later the temporary *nipa* palm siding will be replaced with wood and a cross will be placed on the building.

In charge of construction was John R. Chatfield, commissioned and sent to the field in 1947 for this specialized service.



O Spirit of the Living God,
Thou Light and Fire Divine:
Descend upon Thy Church once more
And make it truly Thine!



*Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace,
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.
Blow, Wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free
From mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to Thee.*

—Tweedy

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A Crusade For A Christian World — It's A Victory — But It Isn't Finished.

BOWLING

Mr. Charles Fuchshuber, Mr. Ansel Gaskill and Mr. Bert Leversee led the men with high scores. Mrs. Alyce Fuchshuber leads the women. Doyle Whitton held high score for the Young People.

The Bowling group missed our preacher last Saturday night and they hope he will be back next week.

ILLNESS

Miss Clarissa Wagner is a patient in Methodist Hospital.

Mrs. Jeannette Barbier has entered Lutheran Hospital for observation.

Others among our sick: Mrs. Estella Shockey, Mrs. Amanda Parks, Mr. Preston H. Somers, Mrs. E. E. Buchanan, Mrs. M. G. Heller.

OUR SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Irene Hamon and her father's family in his death February 12th. Mr. Austin A. Menser was 87 years old. Services were held February 15th.

We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Sentman and their family in the death of Mr. Schlatterback, Mrs. Sentman's father, who passed away just last week.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Evening Guild, assisted by the members of the General Council, will sponsor a **Mother and Daughter Banquet in May.** Details will be published in a later issue of the Tidings.

NOTE

The Come Double Class will discuss "Marriage", led by the pastor, Mr. Beck. This is one of a series on "Family Life." Young married people are invited to this class which meets Sunday morning at 9:30 A.M.

"TWENTY-THIRD PSALM FOR ALL RACES"

The Lord shepherds all races, Not one does he neglect;
He gives rest to everyone through the green pastures of this fact;
He leadeth His flocks away from prejudice,
He restores belief in the final fairness of life,
Even in the presence of injustices so grave that they deaden personality
No one need fear! His justice lives!
His promises, and their repeated fulfillments, comfort,
He gives the Bread of Life to all His hungry children,
Even in the presence of racial discriminations! Impartially,
He heals His bruised lambs, The cup of living water overflows,
Surely understanding and kindness shall increase between races and between
nations, All the days of the world's life,
And we shall dwell in the presence of One Shepherd Forever.

—Mary Dickerson Bangham, From Guide Posts.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

PRIMER: "OUR DAILY LIFE"

Preacher, Our Pastor

SPECIAL MUSIC: "The Lord Is My Shepherd"

Mrs. Robert Ashe

ANTHEM: "The Lost Chord"

The Choir, Mrs. E. C. Schiller, Director

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

A Class for Church membership for the youth of the Children's House will shortly be started in the Inter-mediate and Junior Departments. Parents are requested to see that their children register for this class which will be held during the Sunday School hour.

THE JUNIOR CHOIR will meet Saturday morning at 10:45 A.M. The choir is practicing for special music which will be given on Palm Sunday.

THE CHOIR

Attention is called to the program which is being planned for Easter morning and evening by the choir. Those interested are requested to get in touch with Mr. Vaught or the Choir director, Mrs. Schiller.

SUPPER OF COMPASSION

This Friday night, February 25, there will be held a Supper of Compassion at which time there will be a program of inspiration in music and information and meditation. The members are reminded to bring their gifts for Humanity Hungers, at this time.

OUR CHURCH CONTINUES TO GROW

In co-operation with the other churches of the city, our own visitors have been making calls into homes of prospective members. At this writing there has been most encouraging response. Further reports will be given next week.



REACHING OUT

Mexican Christian Institute, San Antonio, has an extension program. In four locations, too far from the Institute to have part in its regular program, and where no other Christian work is maintained, clubs for boys and girls are conducted as leadership is available.

All are in areas of San Antonio where the Mexican-American population is congested, and where problems of behavior are most numerous. Hikes are arranged for wholesome activity. Athletics interest both boys and girls.

There is no area of life where Christian leaders cannot make a rich contribution.

LET'S LOOK AT WEMA

Wema station in Belgian Congo was founded in 1925. Already there were Christians in the village, and a small church.

In 1949 there are almost 4,000 Christians on the station and in the 56 outstations where national pastors preach and teach.

Four missionaries supervise the whole work of evangelism, education, and medical work. (Drs. Marjorie and Howard Horner just returned home for medical furlough.)

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Boyer are old-timers, having gone to Congo in 1921 and served most of these years at Wema. She has charge of the primary school and the women's school—about 600 in all. At least 70 are married men living on the station while they prepare to go out as preacher-teachers in the outstations.

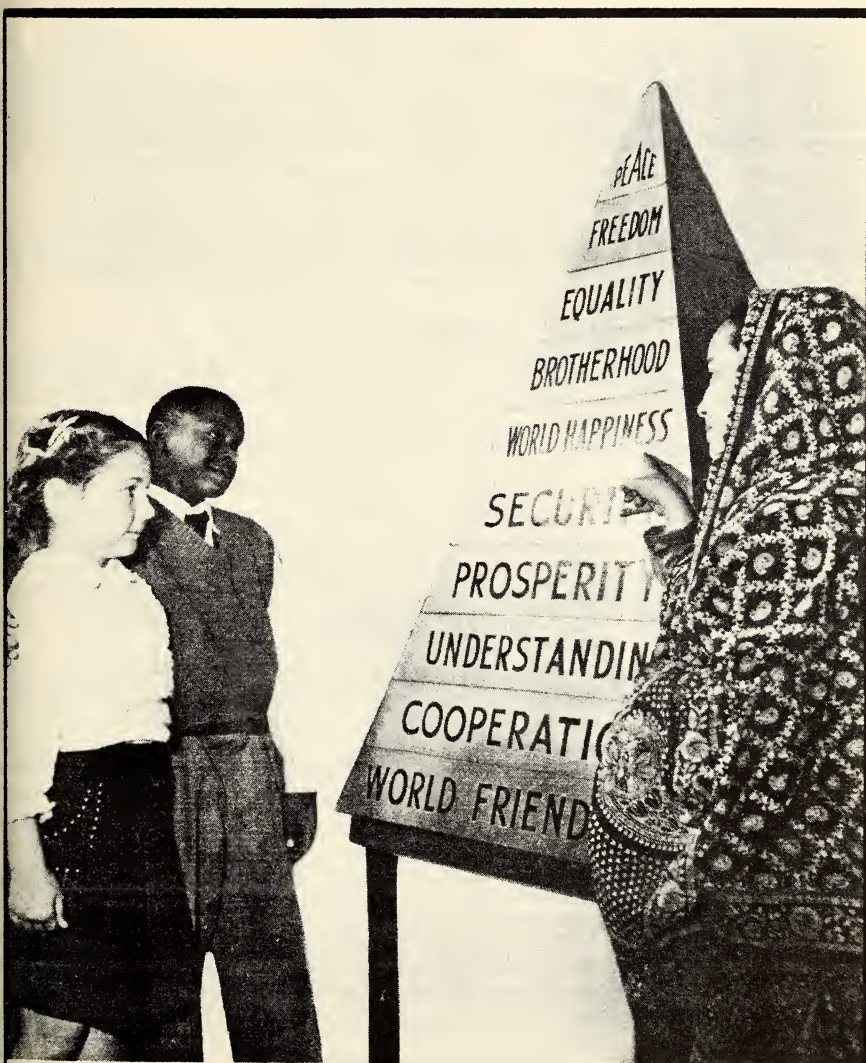
Mr. Boyer supervises the evangelism program at the station and in the villages.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Weeks, in Congo since 1946, with a very young daughter, carry heavy Mission responsibilities as well. He has charge of the

second degree school on the station with 240 enrolled in fifteen classes. Native teachers lead the classes but the missionary helps them get material organized, writes the tests, etc. Mr. Weeks and Mr. Boyer were able last year to visit each outstation post once and some places more often.

Mrs. Weeks is giving special duty on a committee of missionaries writing new readers for beginners in the schools. Until recently "beginners" were boys and men up to twenty years of age and older. Now the beginning age has been reduced to six or eight years for the majority of students, and new readers are required. The Mission must write them, translate into the native language, and print them on the mission press at Bolenge.

That's a quick look at Wema, but it reflects the work at six other Congo stations. At Congo Christian Institute the program is specialized for the educational task to be done, and the Coquilhatville station is located in a city rather than in the back country. Altogether, this is the work of the churches in Congo.



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STEWARDSHIP

Our new finance committee is outlining a program which is to reach every member of the Church. It is their purpose to have every member a supporting member. They are asking families to consider having EACH member a contributing member. This committee is spending a great deal of their time because of their interest, love and concern for the Church. It is the duty of every member to give these people a most courteous hearing and consideration. The committee is composed of Mr. Sherman G. Myers, chairman, Henry M. Flowers, Don J. Eyer, Glenn R. Miller, James R. Shockney, Robert E. Working and F. Wayne Rousseau.

BOWLING

Mr. Charles Fuchshuber again lead the men with a score of 172. Miss Ruby Whisman lead the women. Jerry Whitton came up with high score of 132 for the Juniors. Everyone interested in bowling is welcome to join us on Saturday evening from 7 to 9 at Zion's Bowling Alleys.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Bible Class will meet at the home of Mrs. W. H. Imbody, 441 Buchanan St., on Friday evening, March 4 at 8 o'clock.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Dorcas Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Bret Young, R.R. 11, Rekeweg Rd., on Thursday afternoon, March 3rd. Mrs. Dale Parkerson will give the devotions and Mrs. Dale Hiler has the Program.

The Rachel Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. J. Z. Berlien, 2918 Bowser Ave., Tuesday afternoon, March 1. Mrs. Clyde Driver will give the devotions. During the fellowship hour, Mrs. Irene Cline and Mrs. Hazel Bundy will conduct a Food Sale.

The Martha Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Owen Vaught, 4035 Fairfield Ave., Thursday afternoon, March 10.

The Ruth Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. W. H. Imbody, 441 Buchanan St., Tuesday afternoon, March 1. Mrs. N. Newland will have the devotions. Mrs. Koege! will present, "A Day With Missionaries."

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Fort Wayne Council of Church Women are sponsoring "World Day of Prayer," Friday afternoon, March 4 at 2 o'clock, at St. John Evangelical and Reformed Church. Special music will be furnished by Mrs. Thomas Dennis and Miss Anita Fitch.

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER

A son, Stephen Earl, born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yentes, 1907 S. Harrison St., on February 16, 1949. Congratulations and every good wish.



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Due to the fact that the Communion Service must be over before 11:00 o'clock the Organ Prelude will begin at 10:20 A.M. Our membership is asked to come ten minutes earlier. Mrs. Robert M. Scott, at the Organ.

SERMON: "DESIGN FOR LIVING"

PREACHER: OUR PASTOR

Soloist: Miss Anita Fitch. Anthem: "Send Out The Light." Miss E. C. Schiller, Dir

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Beginning this Sunday there will be a Class on the meaning of Church Membership for Juniors and Intermediates in the Children's House. Mrs. Robert T. Beck will teach this class. Parents are asked to cooperate, to see that their children enroll in this class next Sunday. This Class is open not only to those who are thinking of coming into the Church but for those who wish general information and for those who have come into the Church but have not had this class.

MEN'S FORUM

The Men's Forum Sunday evening at 6:15 P.M. Rev. Leo A. Pursley, the resident Priest of St. John's The Baptist Roman Catholic Church will be the guest speaker at the Men's Forum Sunday evening. He will speak upon, "Worship, as taught and practiced in the Roman Catholic Church." This is the third in a series of open forums on "Getting acquainted with our Religious neighbors."

A surprise musical program will be a part of the evening's fellowship.

D. G. Norton, president and the Executive committee including Albert Egly and Alan Bell report many new registered members. No man in our church should miss Sunday evenings program.

VISITATION PROGRAM

During the three nights of visitation twenty-four decisions were signed for The First Christian Church. This makes a total of 45 decisions since January 1st. Those who visited had a fine experience. They report that many others will be coming in during the Sundays ahead.

The following people visited during this period: Albert Egly, W. C. Birkhold, Owen O. Vaught, Glenn R. Miller, C. D. Palmer, D. G. Norton, Alan Bell, Robert Ashe, Don Eyer, Clayton Yoquelet, Romaine Cole, Wm. E. Munro, Eugene Fitch, Robert M. Hopkins, Jr., Miss Ruby Whisman, Miss Evelyn Powell, and Robert T. Beck.

A WEEK OF COMPASSION

Among China's countless victims of repeated war, flood, famine and inflation, the picture is not a very hopeful one this year. Since 1937, every year has been one of crisis for her people.

Refugees traveling China's roads today are estimated at 50,000,000. As they fled at the approach of the Japanese army in 1939, now they flee before the Communists.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Goulter wrote of their struggle to board a train which was to take them to Chuhsien station. Coaches were filled and the tops were crowded with passengers. Finally, with the aid of those inside the train, the Goulters made their entry through a window. Their exit at Chuhsien was in the same manner.

Christian Churches are aiding in every possible way to save the lives of helpless, hopeless families who repeatedly in the last ten years have lost every possession.

Feeding stations are a temporary

measure but a necessity where refugees crowd into cities already unable to care for their own populations.

Self-help projects, such as rural rehabilitation, building of dykes, well digging, sewing centers, industrial schools and carpenter shops, have the added advantage of providing moral and spiritual strength.

Through Church World Service, funds which are given by the churches of America make possible these and other services as a coordinated, united approach of Christian people to the needs of the less fortunate.

In A Crusade For A Christian World, Disciples of Christ have given \$1,000,000 on a goal of \$1,500,000 for world relief administered through Church World Service. This year in the Week of Compassion there must be added at least \$500,000 if we are to continue our ministry to the homeless, the hungry, the wandering hopeless people of our world.



IT WORKS IN JAMAICA

Visitation Evangelism, so effective in our churches in the States, is proving just as successful among the churches of the Jamaica Mission.

In December all the pastors met with missionaries Archie Allan and Bob Nelson in a "laboratory school." After the first afternoon, every one was enthusiastic about the plan and though working outside their own congregations soon forgot that.



Jamaica Pastors, C. A. Robertson, C. H. Morris, I. A. Henderson, E. W. Hunt, N. M. Townsend, E. A. Edwards and C. S. Shirley, with missionary Archie A. Allan.

Plans were made for campaigns in the various churches, and Bob Nelson was signed up for each week, Sunday through Wednesday, in a different church for a three months' period.

Results already reported are:

- Oberlin, 100 cards signed with 38 already added to the church, 33 in one service.
- Kingsgate, 70 cards signed.
- Duke Street, Kingston, had forty additions to the church last year and is just entering enthusiastically upon its visitation campaign.

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CONVENTION

Two unusual conventions will interest the First Christian Church. The STATE CONVENTION, May the 12th to the 15th, at Central Christian Church, Indianapolis, will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Indiana Christian Missionary Ass'n.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, at Cincinnati in October 20-25. This convention will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Missionary work of our Communion.

MR. AND MRS. H. W. SIGRIST have been appointed co-chairmen to promote these conventions among our people. Since these conventions are in close proximity to Fort Wayne a large delegation is expected from the First Christian Church.

FELLOWSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Palmer are co-chairmen for our Church during the month of March. During this month a party will be given to which will be invited all our new members and those who have been sick and are well again since Jan. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Eyer, co-chairmen for the month of February did an excellent job in reaching new members and promoting fellowship in our Church.

ELDER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

MARCH 6, J. M. Fitch, W. C. Birkhold; MARCH 13, J. Z. Berlien, Preston H. Somers; MARCH 20, Dr. A. C. Worley, Dale Parkerson; MARCH 27, B. W. Leversee F. Wayne Rousseau.

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

Arza Smith, Captain, H-15765; Wm. M. Moffitt, Fred H. Wilson, Romaine H. Cole, Richard Schrecongst, J. Hugh Tracey, Wm. H. Crouse, Rolland Ripple.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Rebecca Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. D. G. Norton, R. 6, Hazelhurst Drive, Wednesday evening, March 9. Mrs. H. C. Banet will give the devotions and Mrs. R. H. Cole will present the program.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer Workers are needed for the Nursery. This is a very worth service. Those interested in giving some time to this work please call Mrs. Alan Bell, E-38514.

SYMPATHY

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the Family of Mr. Ira O. Webster in his recent passing. Mr. Webster was the father of Mrs. J. M. Miller, Mrs. E. F. Baker, Mrs. Roy Dale and Mrs. Ray Vaughn, all members of First Christian.

Also to Mrs. Bertha Welch and her family in the recent passing of her father Mr. Jerome F. Wellman. Mr. Wellman was one of our older members. May God be with these fine folk during the days ahead.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet Wednesday, March 9, at 8 o'clock at the Church.

BOWLING

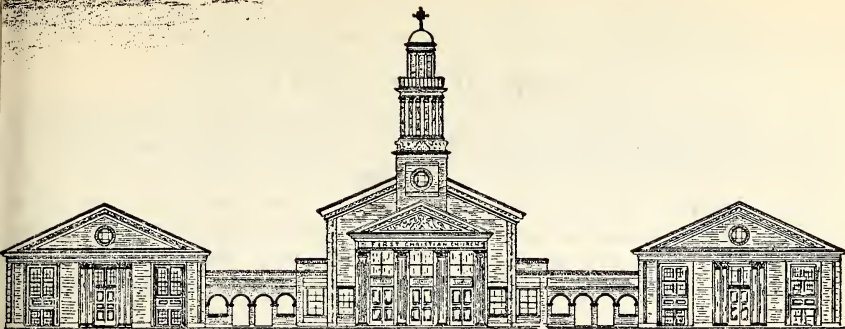
Bowling scores for February 26. Paul Whitton and Doyle Whitton tied with 162. Miss Ruby led the women with 148. There were some new faces among us last Saturday, let us have a big crowd at 7:00 sharp next Saturday, so we may use all the alleys.

ILLNESS

Mrs. F. H. Rogers, 3201 Weissner Park Ave., has been quite ill at her home. Mrs. Jeannette Barbier is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, room 173.

WEDDING BELLS

Wedding Bells will ring Saturday at 7:00 o'clock for Miss Carol Wilson and Robert Fahl. The congregation has been invited to this wedding service.



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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

SERMON: "LIVING UNDER TENSIONS"

PREACHER: Our Pastor

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 10:20 A.M.

THE SERVICE WILL BE BROADCAST FROM 11:00 to 11:30 A.M. over WFTW

Due to the fact that the Communion Service must be over before 11 o'clock, the Organ prelude will begin at 10:20 A.M. Our membership is asked to come ten minutes earlier.

Lent began in our church with a large attendance. It was reported to us that our services came over the air and there was a fine reception. We remind the shut-ins that this station is 1090 on your dial.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

New interest is being felt throughout the Sunday School. THE HIGH SCHOOL Department has had an upsurge in attendance. In recent Sundays several from this department have come into the church. **The Class For CHURCH MEMBERSHIP** in the Children's House had an enrollment of 11 last Sunday. There is room for others. These should come Sunday if possible. Mr. Robert T. Beck is teaching this group. Before Palm Sunday the Pastor will meet with this class on Saturday. **THE COME-DOUBLE CLASS** is studying "FAMILY LIFE." This Sunday the subject will be "Discipline in the Home." This class is a discussion not a lecture class. Young married couples are welcome to come.

VISITATION PROGRAM

The visitation program will be continued during Lent. Beginning a week from Friday men of our church will go out two by two and call in the homes of prospective members.

THE CHOIR

The Choir is planning, under the direction of Mrs. E. C. Schiller, an evenings program on Easter Sunday. From time to time we will report the various features of this program. Those wishing to be in the choir are asked to see Mrs. Schiller or Mrs. Owen Vaught.

EASTER SERVICES

Among those appearing on our Easter Musical is Mr. Dan Sterner, High School Sophomore, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sterner of Sheridan Court. He will play two special numbers on the piano. Young Mr. Sterner has unusual talent for the piano. He has played Nationally in the National Piano Audition and has rated superior. You will enjoy hearing him.

THE FORUM TAKES ACTION

Last Sunday evening D. G. Norton, president of the Men's Forum, appointed a committee to prepare the block of ground owned by the church on South Calhoun Street for a recreational center this summer. The Forum also voted to pay

WHO WILL GO?

Rural and city evangelists, nurses, printers, high school and college teachers, doctors, builders, industrial vocationalists, seminary professors, religious education specialists, technicians — all are needed in the mission fields. Africa and India are pleading for medical workers. Argentina and Paraguay are needing rural evangelists in particular. Mexico and Puerto Rico are seeking missionaries trained in religious education. Japan calls for evangelists in all areas.

Of the 210 active missionaries on the staff in 1949, 56 will retire before 1959, after services extending over as much as 40 years.

The call is for 77 new missionaries to replace those who will retire and those who may be forced to resign because of health. In addition, to accom-

plish the programs outlined on the several fields, there will be needed 155 additions to the staff.

In 1913, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Johnston arrived in Belgian Congo to begin missionary work. On that day Ray Eldred lost his life by drowning. The Johnstons were assigned to Longa to carry on in his stead. They served 33 years in Congo.

In 1909 Dr. Zenas Loftis, only recently arrived in Tibet, lost his life. When the word came to Dr. William M. Hardy, he volunteered to take the place of his friend and fellow church worker.

Each missionary leaves a task begun which some one must carry on.

Are there 232 young people in our churches willing to receive the training necessary to serve in difficult fields?

10,000 CHILDREN REHABILITATED

During the past year the churches of Holland have developed and carried on a rehabilitation project that is worth noting by Christians throughout the world.

Thousands of Dutch families, themselves not yet wholly recovered from the devastating effects of the war, have taken into their homes, for a period of several months, undernourished children from other European countries. Under this program, which was begun with governmental approval last December, nearly 10,000 children from Germany, Austria, Hungary and other countries have been aided in recovering their health, at the same time learning that Christian love transcends all national boundaries.

Church World Service funds and food supplies have been of important help in enlarging this program of child-aid.



**Because I have been
given much,
I, too, shall give.**

— Grace Noll Crowell



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one-third of the expenses incurred by the basketball and softball teams of the church. At the same business session, the men of this Forum agreed to prepare and serve the dinner for a Mother and Daughter Banquet in our Church.

BOWLING

Interest in bowling continues to increase in our church, among the young people and the older people alike. Some high scores have been recorded but many without too much desire to excell find a lot of fun in the game as such and pleasant fellowship among the bowlers. The Zion Bowling alleys are reserved for the Christian Church between 7 and 9 o'clock on Saturday evening. All interested are cordially invited. Paul Whitton is the representative from the Men's Forum.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Evening Guild will have a dinner meeting at 6 o'clock Tuesday, March 15 at the Oriental Gardens.

The General Council meeting will be on Tuesday evening, March 15 at the Church. Mr. K. K. Chen, a student at Indiana Technical College, will be the guest speaker. The Evening Guild will have charge of the program. Esther Group will be in charge of devotions.

The Executive Board will meet at 7:15 P.M. for a short business session.

The Mother and Daughter Banquet, sponsored by the Evening Guild will be held on Friday evening, May 13th. The members of the Men's Forum have agreed to prepare and serve this banquet for the Woman's Council. Please keep the date in mind. Tickets will be available soon.

The Annual Sacrificial Service will be held this year on Palm Sunday, April 10, at the Vesper Hour, 4:30 P.M. The Program Committee of the Council is in charge of the arrangements.

COME-DOUBLE CLASS

The Come-Double Class is having a pot-luck dinner and party on Saturday, March 12th. We shall appreciate a full attendance of our membership present.

YOUTH CHOIR

The Junior Choir will meet for practice on Saturday morning at 10:45. Members are asked to bring their lunch.

WEEK OF COMPASSION

The offering for the Humanity Hungers is still being held, for the benefit of those who have not yet had a part in this work. The need is great. Let us from our 'much' give a little to those who have nothing.

WE WENT BACK TO CHURCH — By One Who Did

"We decided to start over. To go back even beyond courtship. Back to church. To see who went nowadays. To see if maybe there wasn't something that we were missing. It wasn't conversation that we felt, but a need. We went with eyes open, a little skeptically. We even shopped until we found a congenial congregation, a minister we could respect and enjoy listening to.

"And it has been, in a sense, concrete and personal, our 'salvation.' We're back on steady ground again financially, physically, emotionally. We've simply injected a little Christian order and common sense into our hitherto chaotically free lives.

"We have discovered people who think thoughts, read books, and can have a grand time. And the bulk of attendance, is, suprisingly, among the twenty-thirty group. Young couples who, like us, went on a veritable binge of personal liberty, only to find it boomerang back, aimed at things they prized.

"Control—that's one big thing the church has given us who have groped our way back . . . Associating with people who have learned the same lessons gotten the same perspective, and are now reaching out toward the same strength makes it easier.

"The strength is there. A strength that is singularly the church's own. Open the doors of your church next Sunday and you'll find it, as we did.

"WE'RE GLAD WE WENT BACK TO CHURCH." —Riverside Church, N. Y.
Have You Remembered Your Church In Your Will?



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Number 40

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

SERMON: "KEEPING ONE'S SOUL ALIVE"

PREACHER: Our Pastor

ANTHEM: "LO A VOICE TO HEAVEN SOUNDING" Mrs. E. C. Schiller, Director

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Our congregation is growing. The spirit is reverent. We have been receiving most favorable reports from reception of the **Broadcast** of our morning Service.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Be in your classes on time—Invite others to the Church School.

Officers and teachers of the Church School and Officers of Adult Classes are urged to be present at an important special meeting called for Wednesday evening, **March 23 at 7:30 P.M.** A social period will follow the business session. The refreshment committee is composed of Miss Sarah Shroyer, Miss Ruby Whisman, Mrs. Roy Koster and Mrs. Robert T. Beck.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26th. — ONE GREAT HOUR — 9:10 P.M.

For the first time in American Church History, the churches of the United States will have one hour of all the Radio networks, NBC, MUTUAL, ABC, and CBS. In dramatic fashion the call of the peoples of the World and the Church's great opportunity will be presented.

Every member should have their radio tuned in at this time. This Program will present the work of the United Church World Service.

The following Sunday, March 27, every member who can should be in Church.

FINANCES

Our Finance Committee is making a careful study of the income of the Church. Our Church, in size and program, is on the upgrade. We can depend on our fine membership to co-operate with their Committee who are giving reverently and earnestly of their time.

The Congo Mission



Fifty years in Congo! Many there are in our churches who remember the thrill of the first news of the appointment of two young men to seek a location for a mission in Africa; they also remember the death of one of them before the work could be completed, and the calling of others to carry on in his stead. From year to year, other missionaries have been commissioned for Congo. The work has grown mightily.

The faith of the church at home has been an important element in the building of a strong church in Congo—approximate membership now, 80,000.

In this Golden Jubilee year the calls for more missionaries for Congo are insistent. Ten stations have been established. With one voice they plead for more workers to guide in Christian living the 80,000 new Christians, and to carry the gospel to the thousands in other villages where we have taken the responsibility for evangelizing.

1899 – GOLDEN JUBILEE – 1949

The Puerto Rico Mission

The way was opened for evangelical missions in Puerto Rico when the island was ceded to the United States in 1898. Less than a year later our first missionaries, appointed by the American Christian Missionary Society, were on the field. Today we have 32 churches and more than 5,000 members.

National leaders have made remarkable progress in these fifty years in Puerto Rico. Where formerly the people had no part in the conduct of church affairs, Evangelical churches stress this responsibility. All our churches are now led by national pastors. One has recently resigned to become executive secretary of the interdenominational Puerto Rico Association of Churches. Lay workers and ministers alike are active in reaching out to new communities with the gospel.





Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

John 10:16.

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OUR CHURCH CONTINUES TO GROW

Men from the Church are going out on Friday evenings to call on Prospective members. You can serve your Church and make a real contribution by turning in names of prospective members and by speaking to your friends who should be members.

New Prospective Members

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin C. Brudi, Jr., 2834 Broadway, Sunday, March 13. Kenneth Richard was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth V. Lytle, 1215 Huestis Ave., Friday, March 11. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cromer are parents of a baby boy. Mrs. Cromer is in Room No. 402 in the Methodist hospital. The Mothers and Babies are doing well. Congratulations to the parents!

Sympathy

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Harold Roberts in the recent passing of her mother at Winchester, Indiana.

To William E. Munro and D. Eugene Munro and their family, we wish to extend our deepest sympathy in the passing of their father, Mr. Redmond Munro, on Sunday evening, March 13.

May the blessings of God be with these friends during the dark hours ahead.

Church Library

After an inventory, the following books were found missing from the Church Library. If anyone knows anything about these books, please speak to Miss Ethel Shroyer: Abbott—At the Master's Table; Jones—Christ of the American Road; Sweet—Opening The Door for God.

Easter Vespers

Mrs. Herbert Meyer, Jr., one of Fort Wayne's most accomplished pianists and accompanists, will play several Piano-Organ selections with our organist, Mrs. Scott. Mrs. Meyer gives a brilliant performance and we shall look forward to hearing her at our Easter Vesper Service.

Illness

Mrs. Paul Maholm, 4316 Leo Rd. suffered serious injury, in an automobile accident recently. It is our hope that this friend will improve steadily. May the blessings of God be with her.

Bowling

The old bowling alley came to life last Saturday night. 24 pere present and 73 games were bowled. Bill Munro topped his previous records with a score of 195. Charles Fuchhuber came up with 178. Miss Ruby Whisman topped the women with a score of 170, while Mrs. Charles Fuchsmuber was a close second with 153. We missed some of our players last week. We hope to see you this Saturday at 7. If you can't bowl, come and play audience. You will enjoy the fun. Everyone is welcome. Paul Whitton reports a growing interest.

Easter Week of Prayer

The Woman's Council will sponsor an afternoon Prayer Service on Wednesday, April 13, at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Alan Bell, chairman of the Spiritual Committee will be in charge.

The Annual Sacrificial Service will be held at the vesper hour, 4:30 P.M. Palm Sunday, April 10. The Program Committee of the General Council will be in charge. The Junior Choir will bring special music.

(HAVE YOU REMEMBERED YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL?)



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Volume 11

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, MARCH 25, 1949

Number 41

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SERMON: "THE WORLD, THE FLESH and THE DEVIL"

PREACHER: Our Pastor

ANTHEM: "O SAVIOUR, HEAR ME"

Mrs. E. C. Schiller, **Director**

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 10:20 A.M.

THE SERVICE WILL BE BROADCAST FROM 11:00 to 11:30 A.M. over WFTW

Due to the fact that the Communion Service must be over before 11 o'clock, the Organ Prelude will begin at 10:20 A.M. Our membership is asked to come ten minutes earlier.

Great Congregation Sunday. We have received many reports from our broadcasting.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

A great combined service is being planned for Palm Sunday at 10:00 A.M. The Classes will strive for 100 percent attendance. There will be the Processional of the Palms by the children led by the Junior Choir. Great music by the adult choir. Plan to be in church on Palm Sunday.

FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY — Saturday Night, March 26

ONE GREAT HOUR — MAGNIFICENT PROGRAM — GREAT NAMES — GREAT LIVING DRAMA — GREAT MUSIC

There will be 50 million Listeners. All the Churches will work together.

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Your Contribution will restore hope and human dignity to a confused and suffering world.

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10:00 to 11:00 P.M.

Tune in your radio. Join this great American audience.

CUR NEW DIRECTORY

The Supplement to this week's Tidings is a Business, Professional and Membership Directory.

The active membership is listed with Name, address, telephone numbers, postal zone and colony zone numbers.

A very valuable part of this supplement is the Business and Professional directory. Here you can turn quickly to locate our own members when you need business or professional help.

Those businesses starred are those which have contributed to the cost of this book.

At the end of this Supplement you will find blank pages to add the names of new members which will be published from time to time. Also in the book you will find The Organizations of the Church with the Officers listed.

CORRECT

Great care has been taken to have this book accurate. But there is always the possibility of error or omission. We assure all of our members that this has been a gigantic task for our Office with just one secretary and no outside help.

Any omissions or errors are purely accidental due to inaccuracy of eye or the lack of information.

Use your directory, it can and will be of great service to you. We especially want to thank Mrs. Owen Vaught for the fine work she has done in compiling this book.

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Bowling

(As reported by Paul Whitton)

Paul Whitton led the men Saturday night with a score of 180. Myron Cole came next with a score of 161. Miss Ruby Whisman held the title for the women with 161. Other women showing good scores were: Miss Sarah Shroyer, Mrs. Myron Cole, and Mrs. Paul Whitton. Ronald Rodgers was among the young fellows. Our pastor and Walter Birkhold, Chairman of our Trustees, also bowled. Due to Basketball interest our crowd last Saturday was smaller.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Dorcas Group will meet with Mrs. Rolland Ripple, 3505 Central Drive, Thursday, March 31, at 2:00 P.M. Mrs. Arza Smith will assist the hostess. Mrs. J. W. Clark will present the program and Mrs. Robert Truelove will give the devotions.

EVANGELISM

Teams will meet this Friday at 7 o'clock to visit prospective members. Report names of prospects to Minister or Church Office. **51 Decisions since January 1st.** Keep our Church Growing!

THANKS

The doors of our Church will take on that New Look due to the courtesy of a member of our Finance Committee. James Shockney is furnishing the paint as a gift to the Church. Mr. Shockney operates The State Street Hardware Store.

NOTES

Mr. Thomas Dennis, 1015 E. Washington St., underwent a major operation at the Lutheran Hospital last Friday. Mrs. Dennis is a member of the Church Choir.

Mrs. George Malcom, 807 Home Ave., has returned to her home after undergoing surgery.

We wish to express our sincerest sympathy to Chester L. Follis and family, in the recent passing away of his mother, Mrs. Matilda Follis. Mrs. Follis was a sister to Mr. John Timmons. May God be with these friends during the dark days ahead.

Mrs. A. B. Sheckler, 3001 Holton Ave., is in the St. Joseph Hospital for surgery.

Easter Week of Prayer

Palm Sunday Vesper Service will be at 4:30 P.M. at the Church. The Program Committee of the Council is in charge.

Plan to attend the Holy Week Prayer Service on Wednesday, April 13 at 2 P.M. Mrs. Alan Bell is in charge of the program. These Services are under the auspices of the General Council.

Holy Week Candlelight Service will be on Thursday, April 14 at 7:30 P.M.

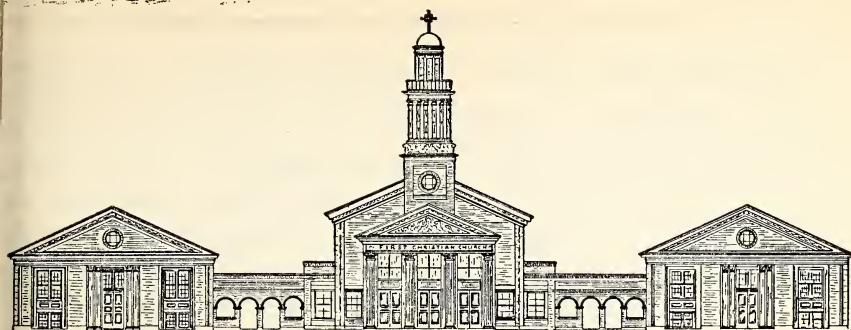
Easter Vespers — 4:45 P.M.

The Adult Choir and Guests under the direction of Mrs. E. C. Schiller will present a musicale at 4:45 Easter Sunday afternoon.

MARKING ENVELOPES

Will the membership please mark the amount of their offering on the outside of their envelopes before dropping them in the collection plates. This will aid the work of the Financial Secretaries.

(HAVE YOU REMEMBERED YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL?)



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

SERMON: "When One Must Make A Decision" **Preacher, Our Pastor**

Great Congregation Last Sunday. We appreciate the fine way our congregation adjusted themselves to 10:20 hour. Come Early This Sunday.

Fine offering for World Service—Report will be given next week.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Classes are to bring plans for 100 percent attendance on Palm Sunday.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY

UNIFIED SERVICE 10:00 A. M.

GOAL 100% ATTENDANCE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:40 A.M.—Organ Prelude—Mrs. Robert Scott

WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.

CHOIR MUSICALE—directed by Mrs. E. C. Schiller

10:15 A.M.—Procession of Palms by Children

ANTHEM: Junior Choir directed by Miss Anita Fitch

RECOGNITION OF CLASSES

10:30 A.M.—Celebration of Lord's Supper.

10:55 A.M.—Minister Sermon

11:25 A.M.—Invitation and Challenge
Reception of New Members

11:35 A.M.—Benediction

11:45 A.M.—Baptismal Service

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNRISE SERVICE — Sponsored by Youth Groups
For Whole Church

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Offering will go for American Missions and Benevolences.

GREAT PREACHING AND WORSHIP SERVICE — 10:30 A.M.

Special Arrangements to care for this large Communion Service

VESPER MUSICALE — 4:45 P.M.

In Harmony with The Day an Unusual Program of Music by Choir, Guest Soloists and Artists, under the direction of Mrs. E. C. Schiller.

Christians Do Care

Generous contributions of material aid continue to go from our churches to the needy people of the world. In addition to supplies sent directly to Church World Service, CARE boxes and cash offerings, 3,754 pounds of clothing, shoes, quilts, layettes, and medical supplies plus 241 bath kits and 73 sewing kits have been received at Missions Building, Indianapolis, for shipment to mission fields where our own missionaries distribute them.

Special shipments have been made to Africa, Japan, the Philippines, and Sapucay Leper Colony, Paraguay, in the last few months.



The Story Hour

On the Yakima Indian Reservation in the State of Washington, live approximately 600 Yakima Indian families, with 1,325 boys and girls under 18 years of age.

While the boys and girls are not the whole interest of our Yakima Indian Christian Mission, it is generally through them that missionaries have been welcomed into the Indian homes, and the adults have been influenced to come to the Mission.

Throughout the year the boys' and girls' dormitories provide a Christian home to a number of those who seem to need it most. A new approach is also being made to those children of second and third grade who live in the little town of White Swan.

A Community Story Hour brings

eight boys and girls to the Mission each week. They enjoy every minute of the hour there: first, a snack of chocolate bars sent in Christmas boxes, or something hot to drink; then ten minutes of games, some of them the games Jesus may have played; and then the story period in the lovely mission chapel. Usually the children sit on the floor on rugs or dark comforters. Sometimes pictures of the great masterpieces are shown. Sometimes the children build their own pictures with cut-outs. Just now they are planning a dramatization for their parents which will bring to the Mission many families who have not been reached before.

Mrs. Leona Harleman, boys' matron, and Mrs. Malcolm Norment, wife of the Mission director, have charge of this project.



MISS EVA MARIE JOHNSON of Idaho was commissioned a missionary to Africa on January 26 by The United Christian Missionary Society. She is a graduate of Northwest Christian College and the University of Oregon, and has studied French and other courses which will aid her in her work in the Congo Mission. She expects to sail in March.



*"O grant us light, that we may know
The wisdom Thou alone canst give."*

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Party for New Members since January 1, 1949 and For those who have recovered from Sickness. Great time for All. Friday, April 1—7:30 P.M. Come Double Committees: Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fuchshuber, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bell, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ashe, Mr and Mrs Don Eyer. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rice are Co-Couple Chairmen for April.

ATTENTION MOTHERS—While you shop bring your child to the Nursery at the Children's House Thursday, April 7th—1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. for 50 cents; each additional child 15 cents. This is being operated by the ladies of the Rebecca Circle.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD will meet at the church on Wednesday evening, April 6, at 8 P.M.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL—April 3: Owen Vaught, Hugh D. Rice; April 10: Albert Egly, Joseph M. Fitch; April 17: W. C. Birkhold, F. E. Morrical; April 24: J. Z. Berlien, Preston H. Somers.

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL—Mr. Clayton Youquelet Captain A-39930; W. H. Imbody, Dr. R. W. Goebel, Robert E. Working, Ralph J. Richard, James R. Shockney, Chas. E. Fuchshuber, J. E. Tracey.

If you find you cannot serve please call your Captain.

FRIENDLY BIBLE CLASS will meet with Mrs. C. R. McMaken, 3022 South Wayne Ave., on Friday, April 1, at 8 P.M. Mrs. Eva Mosier will assist the hostess.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Rachel Group will meet with Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, 2326 S. Webster St. for a Chinese Luncheon at 1 P.M. on Tuesday, April 5. Mrs. C. F. Flison will give the devotions. The Program will be presented by Mrs. Albert Egly. Special music by Mrs. L. A. Horn and Chinese games by Mrs. Clyde Driver. Guests are Invited.

The Martha Group will meet with Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, 4017 S. Fairfield Ave. on Thursday, April 7.

The Naomi Group will meet at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Stickler, 161 Crescent on Wednesday, April 6 at 2 o'clock.

The Ruth Group will meet with Mrs. C. F. Durfee, 1018 College on Tuesday, April 5, for a Noon Luncheon. Business meeting will follow.

ILLNESS

Mrs. George Malcom, 807 Home, is convalescing. Mrs. Adam Raga suffered a fractured cheek bone in an automobile accident last week. Mrs. Paul Parsons is a patient in Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. Lawrence D. Hume is ill at her home, 447 W. Wildwood.

FORT WAYNE COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN

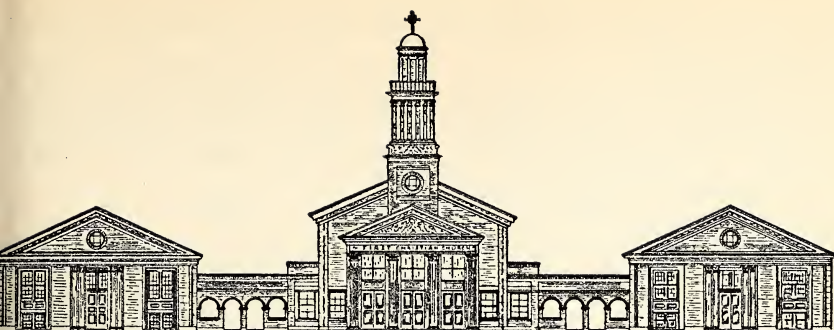
The Convention of the Fort Wayne Council of Church Women will be held April 26, 27, 28, in this city. Rooms and breakfasts for delegates are solicited. Those having available accommodations in their homes, please call Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, H-74843. Mrs. N. Newland is in charge of registrations. All women of the church are urged to register.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Woman's Council will hold a Rummage Sale on Friday and Saturday April 22 and 23, at 1123 S. Lafayette St. The Women of the Church are urged to begin collecting their rummage and those who can, please bring it to the church before Thursday, April 21. We will have further details in a later issue of the Tidings.

EASTER FLOWERS

Members of the Church, who plan to purchase Easter flowers are invited to bring them to the Church on Saturday before Easter for the purpose of helping to make our Sanctuary beautiful on Easter Sunday Morning.



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**HOLY WEEK BEGINS SUNDAY
GREAT COMBINED SERVICE 10:00 A.M.
GREEN PALM FOR VICTORY!**

If you arrive before 10:00 A.M. next Sunday you will receive a Green Palm for Victory.

100% ATTENDANCE

Each class is working for 100% attendance next Sunday. To have 100% every active member must be present. No Class will have 100% attendance if one person on the active list is absent. Your class is depending on you. Make whatever sacrifice is necessary and be present at 10:00 A.M.

HELP YOUR CHURCH AND OUR LEADERS

Your Officers and Teachers are working. ALL are doing all they can to make this Sunday one of the Great Palm Sundays. Make it a day of Victory. Will you help the Church and our Leaders have 100% of our congregation present?

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Children of our Church School will be received this Sunday!

OTHERS

Adults will also be received into the Church at this Service. Help make this a great Day.

SERMON

"GOING IN CIRCLES" will be the Palm Sunday Sermon given by our Minister.

MUSIC SUNDAY MORNING

- 9:45 Organ Recital—Mrs. Robert M. Scott, Organist
- 10:00 Choir Musicales—directed by Mrs. E. C. Schiller.
- 10:15 Procession of the Palms—by Children from Children's House.
Anthem—Junior Choir—directed by Miss Anita Fitch.

RECOGNITION OF CLASSES

by Mr. Cecil Rice, Superintendent of Church School

- 10:30 Celebration of the LORD'S SUPPER.
- 10:55 Pastor's Sermon and Scripture Lesson.
- 11:25 Invitation and Challenge.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

- 11:35 Benediction
- 11:45 Baptismal Service.

SACRIFICIAL VESPER SERVICE

- 4:30 P.M.—Sponsored and prepared by the Woman's Council.

In Appreciation

In Los Angeles, All Peoples' Christian Church and Community Center is well appreciated for the type of service it renders to the families of the community. In token of this regard, the Pico-Robertson Lions Club recently made a gift to the church of an amplifying system with record player and twelve albums of records. The young men of the church did the necessary work of installation.

Through this system, chimes and organ music can be broadcast over the entire neighborhood, and play a significant part in making the church known really as a "house of prayer." (Its name is taken from the quotation, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.")

The Lions Club also had a generous part in supplying needs for the Christmas program last year: a huge Christmas tree, ice cream and cake for Community Center parties, presents for

about two hundred children and for the nursery conducted as a part of the daily program of the Center, and a camera with supplies and printing service.



Praise To Our God

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

- Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;
- Who healeth all thy diseases;
- Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;
- Who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies;
- Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that oppressed.

(Psalm 103:1-6)



RECORD OF A GENERATION

Increased Income and higher living standards.

Income has increased from \$581.00 per person in the United States in 1920, to \$1292.00 per person in 1946—in cost-of-living dollars.

In the midst of the depression—1930—income was \$616.00 per person, one half of the present rate.

Increased income would allow a total deduction of \$26,730,600,000 from income tax returns (15%)—or 50 cents per day per person.

Decreased Giving for missions and benevolent work.

Giving of the average church member for all forms of religious and church-related charities has decreased from \$19.25 in 1920 to \$19.08 in 1946.

In 1930, after untold losses in the depression, giving was \$31.84 per person, 40 per cent greater than in 1946.

Actual giving is at the rate of 5 cents per day per person, (\$2,573,250,000 in 1946) one-tenth of spending for luxuries such as jewelry, liquor, tobacco, etc.



Fairest Lord Jesus



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HOLY WEEK SERVICES—(Continued)

Monday—Tuesday—Wednesday—Thursday NOONS at Paramount Theatre
MONDAY—First Christian Church responsible for Ushering.

WEDNESDAY

HOLY WEEK PRAYER SERVICE—2:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH PARLOR

THURSDAY—MAUNDY SERVICE

Beautiful Candlelight Service Celebrating the Last Supper.
Every Member should be present. Choir will lead our singing.

GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 Noon to 3:00 P.M. Paramount Theatre

Our Minister will speak at 2:00 P.M.

Mrs. Jack Weicker, Soloist

Service Broadcast — 2:00 to 3:00 P. M. over WGL Radio Station

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Service — Sponsored by Young People — Congregation invited

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M. — Offerings will go to Missions

10:30 A.M. — Preaching and Worship Service, Great Communion Service

EASTER VESPER MUSICALE — 4:45 P.M.

For the first time in years the Church will have great Easter Vespers

MUSICALE — All the Choirs will participate

Guest Artists — Instrumental and Vocal music of unusual merit.

Dramatic Reading and Interpretation

Directed by Choir Leader — Mrs. E. C. Schiller

CONVENTION — COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN

The Fort Wayne Council of Church Women are hosts to the Convention which will be held April 26, 27, 28. Mrs. N. Newland is in charge of registrations. The fee for women of Fort Wayne is 50c. This money is to be used by the Council of Church Women to forward their recreation project at Camp Scott. Every woman is urged to register. Call Mrs. Newland, A-19754.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Rebecca Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Alan Bell, 3023 Pennsylvania St., Wednesday evening, April 13.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Rummage Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 22, 23, at 1225 S. Lafayette St. Please save your rummage and get it to the Church, if possible, on or before Thursday, April 21.

HOLY WEEK

The Woman's Council is sponsoring a Holy Week Prayer Service on Wednesday afternoon, April 13 at 2 P.M. in the Church Parlor. Mrs. Alan Bell will present the program.

The Sacrificial Service under the auspices of the Woman's Council will be held on Palm Sunday afternoon at the Vesper Hour, 4:30 o'clock.

WRITE TODAY

You have enjoyed and appreciated the courtesy extended to us by WFTW in broadcasting our services. Write a letter or a card expressing this appreciation to Radio Station WFTW, 200 E. Jefferson St., Fort Wayne, Indiana.

SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Herschel Bailey, son and daughter and Mrs. Charles Thompson, in the loss of Mr. Bailey. He died of a heart attack while at the Salisbury Axle Works, Dana Corporation. Mrs. Bailey is a Past President of the Woman's Council.

EASTER FLOWERS

It is not too early to make arrangements for your Easter lilies and flowers for the Church. Please bring them early the Saturday before Easter.



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EASTER SERVICES

SUNRISE SERVICE — 6:00 A.M.

Arranged and presented by the C.Y.F. and the Older Young People.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Special program in all Classes.

Mr. Jack Weicker will teach Come-Double Class.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR HOME MISSIONS

MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

GREAT COMMUNION SERVICE

Anthem: "The Holy City," by Adams

directed by Mrs. E. C. Schiller

Offertory Soloist

Mr. Owen Vaught

ORGAN PRELUDE — 10:25 A.M.

Mrs. Robert Scott

"Glory Be To God," by Bach

"Easter Dawn," Claussman

ELDERS AT TABLE

Mr. Walter C. Birkhold

Mr. Hugh D. Rice

EASTER SERMON

"What God Holds Out To You"

Preacher—Our Pastor: Robert Talmage Beck

Co-Chairman Couple: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Rice

EASTER VESPERS — 4:45 P.M.

Mrs. E. C. Schiller, directing

Soloists: Mrs. Alan Bell, Mrs. L. A. Horn, Mrs. F. H. Wilson

Guest Soloists: Mrs. Herbert Meyer, Jr., Piano; Mr. Dan Sterner, Piano; Miss Eileene Mentzer, Morimba; Mrs. Raymond Borschelt, Violin; Miss Mardelle Fisher, Accompanist. Mrs. Elva McGuire Clayton, Interpreting, "Scene From A Family Portrait."

Members of Choir: Mrs. Alan Bell, Mrs. Eva Mosier, Miss Rosemary Bird, Mrs. L. A. Horn, Mrs. Robert Ashe, Mrs. F. H. Wilson, Mrs. J. Brubaker, Miss Anita Fitch, Miss Patty Whitten, Mrs Thomas Dennis, Mrs. Robert Fahl, Mr. Alan Bell, Mr. Robert W. Ashe, Mr. Gene Munro, Mr. William Munro, Mr. Robert Hopkins, Mr. J. Brubaker, Mr. Bernard Nigus, Mr. Owen Vaught, Mr. Robert Fahl.

HAVE FAITH IN GOD

"Have you no faith?" asked Jesus after he had calmed the waters of Galilee and the disciples riding in the storm.

"Have faith in God," he admonished as Peter spoke the wonder of the disciples at his power over the fig tree. Or, according to Matthew, "If you have faith and never doubt, . . . whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive."

Then came Friday, a day of disillusionment and sorrow; the Sabbath brought no hope to his disciples as they mourned; and Sunday, with its amazing news of a risen Christ.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Eight days later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

(From John 20)



Our faith is in the Christ who walks with men today in street and mart;

The constant Friend who thinks and talks with those who seek Him with the heart.

—THOMAS CURTIS CLARK.



HE IS RISEN..

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GENERAL COUNCIL

The General Executive will meet at 1:15 P.M. at the Church on Tuesday afternoon, April 19. The regular meeting of the General Council will follow. The Ruth Circle will give the devotions and the Dorcas Circle are preparing a playlet, "Servants of the Great Adventure" which they will present. Members of Martha Circle are hostesses and Rachel Circle has charge of hospitality.

RUMMAGE SALE

REMEMBER Our Rummage sale, April 22-23 to be held at 1225 S. Lafayette St. Bring your rummage to the church, if possible by Thursday noon, or call Mrs. Driver, H-91214 or the Church Office and arrangements will be made to pick it up.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Geerken on the birth of a daughter, Deneen Kay, born April 1, 1949. Mother and Baby are doing fine.

AMONG OUR SICK

Mrs. Merle F. Morkoetter is a patient at Irene Byron Sanitorium. Mr. Robert Working is in Lutheran Hospital. Others: Mrs. A. B. Sheckler, Mrs. Estella Shockey, Mrs. Paul Parsons at Lutheran Hospital. Remember these people in your prayers.

OUR SYMPATHY

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. E. R. Moser and her family in the recent passing away of Brother Moser. Mr. Moser was a member of long standing in this Church and until recently was in regular attendance. May God be with his dear wife in the dark days ahead.

PALM SUNDAY

Five Classes in our Church School had 100 percent attendance last Sunday. Credit should be given to our superintendents. Also, the Committee from the Progressive Class who prepared the Palms for all those ahead of time.

Over 250 were present before the Services began.

The teachers and officers of the Children's House are to be commended for the Procession of the Palms and the reverent attitude of those who remained for the services.

Our Junior choir and Adult choir performed well.

EASTER LILLIES AND FLOWERS

Flowers for Easter should be at the Church as early as possible on SATURDAY. These may be given as memorials.

JUNIOR CHOIR

Our Junior Choir was a part of the United Youth Choirs at the Good Friday Services in St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church.

STATE CONVENTION OF COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN — APRIL 26, 27, 28

Open meeting Wednesday night, April 27th, at which Miss Mabel Head, delegate from the Federal Council of Church Women to the United Nations, will speak.

Mrs. Nellie Newland is receiving advance registrations for the women of our Church. Mrs. H. W. Sigrist represents our Church on the Hospitality Committee.

BROADCASTING

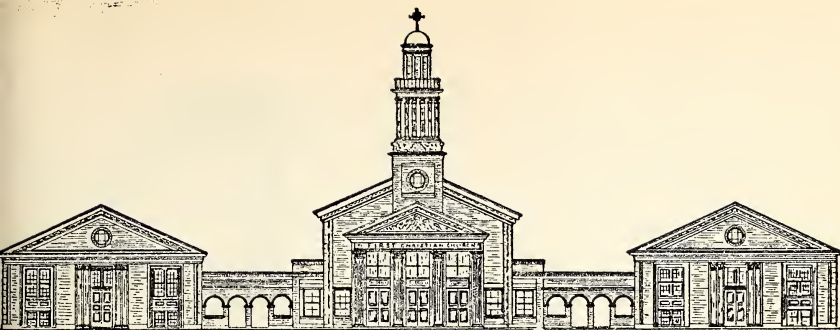
Our Sunday morning Services have been on the air this month over WFTW, 1060 on your radio dial.

BAPTISM

Baptismal Services will be held following the Easter Sunrise Service and following the morning preaching service.

WEEK OF COMPASSION and ONE GREAT HOUR

You will be interested to learn that the offerings for the Week of Compassion was \$161.43 and for One Great Hour \$209.88. These amounts will be credited toward our goal in the Crusade For A Christian World. We appreciate the cooperation and interest shown by our members in these special offerings.



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

SERMON: "WHAT IS HAPPENING TO YOU"

PREACHER: Our Pastor

Great services on Palm Sunday and Easter. Though our crowds were large, a very reverent spirit was felt in the Church. Our music was exceptional. There was a service of Baptism at the Sunrise Service and at the conclusion of the regular morning service

Our people came to Church on time, this is appreciated.

Our schedule is carefully planned due to broadcasting from 11:00—11:30 A.M. over WFTW. We have had fine reports both as to music and preaching from as far away as Lafayette and Peru, Indiana.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

We have passed last years record for Palm Sunday and Easter. The Progressive Class lead the Church School with 59 present. Other classes reported large attendances.

Be at the Church School. "Crisis in The Family" will be the subject of discussion in the Come-Double Class.

MOTHER and DAUGHTER BANQUET

May 6, at 6:30 P.M.

All mothers and daughters are cordially invited to attend this banquet. Tickets are in the hands of group chairmen. The members of the Men's Forum will prepare and serve this meal. The Evening Guild is in charge of the program of the evening.

STATE CONVENTION OF COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN — APRIL 26, 27, 28

We wish to remind you again of these dates. Please plan to attend some of the sessions. Mrs. N. Newland is chairman of registrations from this Church and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist is chairman of hospitality.

INDIANA STATE CONVENTION — May 12, 13, 14

At Indianapolis, Third Church. Make reservations with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist. First Christian should be represented. The Women's meeting will be on Thursday, May 12, at 2 P.M. Miss Margaret Lawrence, recently returned from China will be the speaker.

Our Neighbor

His name is not important. He and his family live next door to our missionaries in Coronel Oviedo, Paraguay. It is men like him to whom the gospel is preached; in a year or so his son may be enrolled in our mission kindergarten.

Surely his family were among those in the crowded auditorium to hear the special Christmas program, well advertised as a religious program. Of course, they could have been among the one hundred who were turned away after all seats were filled and standing room at windows and doors was taken. (Because of the interest, the program was repeated on Christmas night to an audience of 500 out in the yard.)

No doubt there was a place for our neighbor's family in the vacation church school which followed Christmas. Thirty-seven children were registered. All families had been visited so there could be no misunderstanding of the nature of the teaching. The results of the school were shown in the attendance at church school on the next Sunday when 25 were present. At least 12 of the 16 in the children's department came as new pupils after having been in the vacation church school.

Many are the ways used to make known the message of Christ to these and other "neighbors" around the world.



Who makes a gift to missions
Is planting seed for good
From which will spring a tree of life
To bear the fruits of brotherhood.

— Mrs. Gerald L. Miller



In The Master's Steps

Who are the Bible Women of India? Some are paid by the India Mission, others do volunteer work as their time permits. A missionary directs and trains them, and leads them in their service to the homes.

Sharda Bai Keller, wife of the pastor of the small church in Harda, is one of these volunteer workers. She says, "As opportunity comes, I give the message of Jesus in the homes. Where necessary, I speak regarding the care of children and their training.

"One non-Christian woman always said her oldest boy does not obey and abuses her and his sisters. I admonished him, ending with the quotation, Honor thy father and thy mother. The boy promised to obey the advice I gave him. Through the goodness of God, may that young man's life be improved."

Thus are the principles of Christian living taught in homes, as well as in church and school.



*I love Thy Church, O God,
Her walls before Thee stand
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,
And graven on Thy hand.*



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EVANGELISM

A number of our men have been going out regularly to call on prospective members. Since the first of the year there have been 74 decisions for our Church. Among those calling are: Mr. Albert Egly, Charles E. Fuchshuber, C. D. Palmer, Glenn Miller, Eugene Fitch, C. Yoquelet, Hugh Rice, Cecil Rice, Walter Birkhold, Owen Vaught, Romaine Cole, Don Eyer, D. G. Norton, Alan Bell, Robert Ashe, William Munro, Sherman Myers, and the minister, Robert T. Beck.

ILLNESS

Mr. Kenneth Richwine is seriously ill at his home. Mrs. Sheckler is in the hospital. Others who are ill: Mrs. Shockey, Mrs. Paul Parsons, Mrs. E. E. Buchanan, James Dunn. Let us remember our sick in our prayers.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt and sincerest sympathy goes out the Merle F. Markoetter and his son, Merle Jr., in the recent passing away of the dear wife and mother, Mrs. Georgia Markoetter.

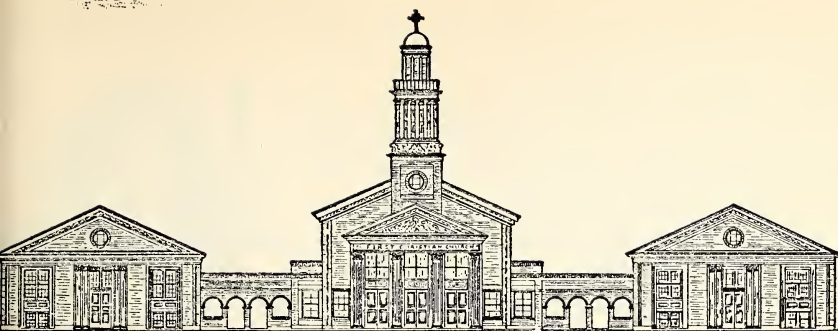
Friends will want to be informed of the death last Saturday morning of Mr. Fielding Burdette, brother of Mrs. J. R. Coar of Pendleton. Mr. and Mrs. Coar were members of First Christian for many years. We extend to them our heartfelt sympathy in this dark hour.

ATTENTION —FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Class will meet with Mrs. N. Schlatter, 926 Lake Ave. **Friday, April 29** at 8:00 P.M. Mrs. Millie Scherrer will assist the hostess.

FINANCES

New pledges and increased pledges have been coming into the office and most all of those who have been making pledges are keeping them paid up to date. This is greatly appreciated by Mr. Sherman Myers and his committee who are doing a conscientious job as Finance Committee. The following people have their pledges paid up for the first quarter of 1949: Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Beck, Mrs. Ethel Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Anders, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Ashe, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Banet, Mrs. Jeanette Barbier, Mrs. Alma Beck, Martha Jeannette Beck, Mrs. L. J. Bedford, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Berlein, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mrs. C. Branstrator, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, and Mrs. M. C. Brudi, Mrs. E. E. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Buchanan, Mrs. Stella Burkhalter, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Brockman, Mrs. Vada Boston, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Cahow, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carpenter, Mrs. Edan B. Clark, Mrs. Irene Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clipp, Mrs. Wm. Coblenz, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Cole, Miss Emma Crabill, Mr. James Crouse, Miss Marilyn Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Crouse, Mrs. Aden Current, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dailey, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Davis, Mrs. Charles Dare, Mrs. Rhoda Depoity, Mrs. Lulu Dennis, Mrs. Ella Diss, Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Ditton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donohue, Miss Wilda Donohue, Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ellison, David Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Don Eyer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fahl, Miss Mardelle Fisher, Miss Anita Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fitch, Fitch Brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Ellery Flaugh, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Follis, Mrs. Frank Frame, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Frost, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fuchshuber, Miss Janice Fuchshuber, Miss Bonnie Fusselman, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Fusselman.
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ON TO PENTECOST

May 1st - May 8th — **FAMILY WEEK**
(The Whole Family in Church Sunday)

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: "What God Can Do For You"

Preacher: Our Pastor

More and more our members come early so they may have a total experience of our worship service which is carefully prepared.

As a part of our emphasis on Family Week, Mrs. Fred Wilson and Mrs. Robert Fahl, mother and daughter, will bring the Offertory duet.

Men from our Church continue to visit in homes of prospective members with most gratifying results. Between now and Pentecost, first Sunday in June, speak to your friend about his church relationship.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Keep up good record. **YOUNG PEOPLE** will have potluck supper at Church Sunday evening 6:00 o'clock.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET — MAY 6th, 6:30 P.M.

The Mother and Daughter banquet has the unusual feature this year of **being prepared and served by the Men's Forum.** The Men's organization of this Church. D. G. Norton, president of the Forum, is carefully lining up his organization. **ATTENTION, LADIES!!** Secure tickets at once from Circle Presidents or from Miss Sarah Shroyer.

The Guild is preparing a very impressive and enjoyable program with unusual table decorations.

Mother's and Daughter's! — A fine evening is ahead for you just before Mother's Day, May 8th.

HOME TALENT PROGRAM — JUNE 3rd.

All those who have special talent are wanted for this unusual evening being planned for our church. A program of music, drama, magic, inspiration and fun. Please clear this date on your calendar.

SPECIAL EASTER OFFERINGS

Church School	\$101.43
Church	153.00
Total	\$254.43

DURING FAMILY WEEK

Mothers, fathers, children should try to make this week a time when many things are done together for others in a Christian spirit. Sharing in family tasks—enjoying the outdoors together—talking over religious ideas—experience some

NEW FRONTIERS

Immigrants from southern European countries were huddled together around the coal mines and coke ovens of southwestern Pennsylvania, enjoying few of the blessings of their adopted nation, when the Christian churches of our land began to look upon them with compassion.

Our first missionary was selected and appointed in 1909 to seek to aid them. Sunday schools were established that grew into preaching missions and organized churches which came to be ministered to by full-time pastors.

As one group found itself able to maintain its own work, a new community was entered. Young people were sent to summer conferences, leadership was developed, some later finding places among the ministers and missionaries of our brotherhood.

With the changes in immigration and in mining through the years, the character of mission service in the coke region has changed. The development of the people has been largely responsible for this. Year by year they have assumed more and more of the responsibility for their own services. In this year, the last two of the churches which have been a part of that mission will reach complete self-support. On January 1, 1949, Mather Christian Church assumed responsibility for its total program, and on June 30, Republic Christian Church will achieve full self-support. Other churches in the mission have already reached that goal.

Disciples of Christ in 1949 follow the example of the pioneers who more than one hundred years ago began to lift their eyes above their local programs and to seek opportunities to serve other groups. Among the first mission services of this brotherhood was that of assistance in establishing or maintaining churches in frontier areas.

Today, more calls than ever before are coming for assistance on new frontiers: new communities where Christ should be preached; struggling congregations where aid is necessary until foundations can be built; minority people just awakening to their places in a Christian world.

Churches are being assisted. More should be done, and would be if funds were available. As the stronger churches of the brotherhood share their means, assistance can be offered to new groups just getting established.



Open to me the Gates of Righteousness.

PSALMS 118:19



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special kindness to someone outside the home—to pray and worship together at home. Begin now to make your home the best place for Christian living.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Dorcas Circle will meet with Mrs. Meldren Kraps, 727 E. Wayne St., on Thursday afternoon, May 5. Mrs. Dale Parkerson will assist the hostess. Mrs. Rolland Ripple will give devotions. A book review, "The Big Fisherman" will be given by Mrs. David Hogg.

The Naomi Circle will meet with Mrs. Herschel Bailey, R. R. 4, Bluffton Road, on Wednesday, May 4. Transportation will be available.

The Rachel Circle will meet with Mrs. F. H. Rogers, 3021 Weisser Park on Tuesday, May 3, at 2:00 P.M. Mrs. Harold Greenwood will give a book review and Mrs. J. M. Miller, will give devotions.

The Ruth Circle will meet with Mrs. J. C. Koegel, 1222 W. Jefferson St., on Tuesday afternoon, May 3.

ATTENTION — PRESIDENTS: Please check your group members for reservations to Mother and Daughter Banquet. Call in your reservations to Miss Fay Woodhull or Mrs. Vaught **by Wednesday, May 4.**

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 1. F. Wayne Rousseau - Dr. A. C. Worley
May 8. Dale Parkerson - B. W. Leversee
May 15. Floyd E. Morrical - Owen Vaught
May 22. Hugh D. Rice - Joseph M. Fitch
May 29. Albert Egly - J. Z. Berlien

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR MAY

Glenn R. Miller, Captain, H-66668; Earl T. Fusselman, Vaughn Brickley, Meldren Kreps, Cecil Rice, Collins Mannan, Alan Bell.
If unable to serve please call your chairman.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The regular meeting of the Official Board will be Wednesday, May 4, at 8:00 P.M. The Executive Cabinet will meet at the church at 7:00 P.M.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

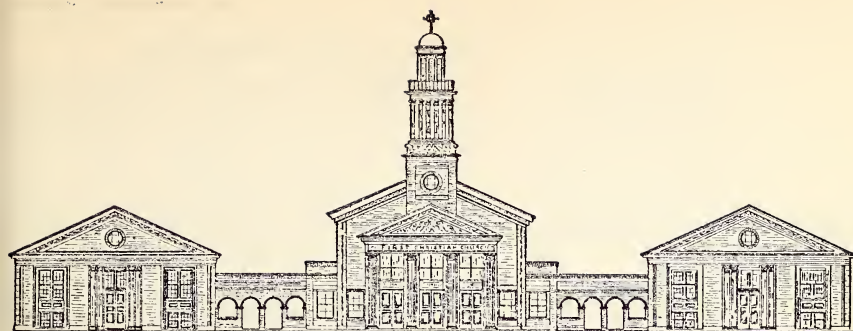
Mrs. Lillian Gagnon, Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Goebel, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Greenwood, J. W. Haffner, Richard Haffner, James Haffner, Mrs. Curtis Herndon, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harris, Miss Mildred Hartman, Miss Mabel Haynes, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mr. and Mrs. James Hirschy, Miss Sally Hirschy, Mrs. David Hogg, Mrs. F. O. Hoover, Miss Kathryn Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hopkins, Miss Mildred Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Mrs. Oscar Isay, Miss Elaine Jones, Mr. Richard Jones, Mr. and Mrs. John Juday, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kinzie, Mrs. Ella King, Mrs. Pearl Koegel, Mrs. Ray Koster, Mrs. Cora Kover, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Krall, Mr. Chas. Krick, Mrs. Josephine Lahmeyer, Mr. B. W. Leversee, Mrs. Emily Lowman, Mrs. J. A. Lynn, Mr. J. J. McCarel, Miss Marguerite McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McKinney, Mrs. C. R. McMaken, Mrs. E. T. Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mofitt, D. E. Munro, Mrs. G. T. Munson, Wm. Munro, Miss Dorothy Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Norton, Mrs. Cora Nowells, Mrs. M. D. Owen. (To be continued).

NOTES

Mrs. Dale Hiler was in an automobile accident on Tuesday and is suffering from shock and bruises.

Miss Doris Beck was here for State Convention of Indiana Council of Church Women. She is the president of the Women Council, Washington, Ind., and is the sister of our pastor.

Robert Working was in surgery again on Wednesday of this week at the Lutheran Hospital.



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MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

THE BLIND CHILD

I know what Mother's face is like
Altho I cannot see;
It's like the music of a bell;
It's like the roses I can smell,
Yes, these it's like to me.
I know what Father's face is like;
I'm sure I know it all;

It's like his whistle on the air;
It's like his arm which takes such care
And never let me fall.
And I can tell what God is like—
The God whom no one sees.
He's everything my Parents seem;
He's fairer than my fondest dream,
And greater than all these.

—Author Unknown.

A GREAT MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

A Planned Souvenir Program

Sermon: **HAPPY IS THE FAMILY**

PREACHER: OUR MINISTER

Beautiful Music

Great Hymns

Come Early for Entire Service

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR MOTHERS

Mr. Donald B. Grissom, will teach Come-Double Class.
Whole Families should be in Church and Church School this Sunday.

C.Y.F. 6:30 P.M.

Youth of the Church will have parents as guests Sunday evening. Miss Ruby Whisman and Miss Evelyn Powell, sponsors, are working with young people in preparing the program. The Pastor, Mr. Beck, will give a short talk on living together as a family.

110TH STATE CONVENTION — MAY 11-14

Indianapolis, Indiana

Will celebrate a Century of Progress for the Indiana Christian Missionary Association. Our pastor, as vice-president, will preside at the opening session on Thursday Evening. Rev. Ray Montgomery, president of the Convention, will bring the address. Convention is highlighted by Dr. Raymond McLain, President of Transyl-



Pastoral Training

The Union Theological Seminary of Puerto Rico, located at Rio Piedras in the area of our Mission, organizes extension classes in other communities for rural pastors who have not had opportunity to attend the Seminary.

A group of nine at Ponce on the south coast of Puerto Rico studied Old Testament literature and worship services last year. This year they have had a course in social problems of the Island and one in the fundamentals of music for churches. In the second semester, they studied Religious Education, including the total program of the church.

Mr. Hugh J. Williams, our missionary, is director of extension courses and supervisor of students' practical work in local churches. He makes the trip from Rio Piedras to Ponce every week, as well as to many of our own churches. A group of rural pastors in our Mission are now requesting the organization of extension classes at Bayamon, the center of our work.

Disciples of Christ have nine students in the Seminary this year out of

You Are My Witnesses

"Visitation Evangelism" envisions the enlistment of every Christian in witnessing for Christ. It is a more complete return to the methods of Jesus in calling men to his discipleship than we have known for some years, a church-wide plan for seeking out those who are not Christians and speaking to them personally of Christ.

It is important that men, women and youth in the church of Christ complete their obligation to Christ by personal witness for him. Whether the church as a whole engages in "visitation evangelism," the individual Christian is called to this service in keeping with the basic principles of our brotherhood. Christ still sends us out, saying, "The harvest is plentiful."



a total of thirty-three. Candidates come not only from Puerto Rico but also from the Dominican Republic and Cuba.



Strength For The Church

Christ prayed four times for one thing: "That they all be one."

Our heritage as Disciples of Christ is that of bespeaking unity for all of God's children.

The World Council of Churches, with organization achieved in August, 1948, is a step toward Christian unity, which could not become a reality over night. As the churches of Christ, with widely divergent views on some important points, take a common stand in combating evils and dangers which confront them all alike, unity will be demonstrated.

With no jurisdiction over church or church bodies, the World Council affords a common ground on which the churches can meet for accomplishing common tasks, for facing common needs and finding solutions on the bases of common convictions.



"I will make you fishers of men."

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vania University, who will bring daily sermons. Dr. Roy Burkhart, noted authority on Marriage and Family Life, will speak and conduct forum. Kirby Page, great authority on International Relations, will speak and conduct open forum. Thursday afternoon the Women of the Churches of Indiana will meet in Convention. Miss Margaret Lawrence, returned missionary from China will be the speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist are in charge of promoting attendance from our Church. See them, or Office, for registrations.

HOME TALENT NIGHT — JUNE 3RD.

An evening of fun, inspiration and entertainment is being planned. The Committee is anxious to know of those who have special talents that would be available for an evening of inspiration and entertainment.
Send any INFORMATION TO CHURCH OFFICE.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 6, 6:30 P.M.

BONNETS AND BOWS—Theme. Prizes for most original and antique Bonnets will be given. Dinner is being served by members of Men's Forum.

MEN'S FORUM

FATHER AND SON BANQUET, MAY 22, 6:30 P.M.

ECHOES of the CIRCUS—WINDOWS to Land of MAGIC, will feature Father and Sons Night. Get your reservation in NOW.

EVENING GUILD

The Evening Guild will meet at the home of Misses Ethel and Sarah Shroyer, 1509 Hurd Street, Monday night, May 9 at 8 o'clock.

The Rebecca Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. John Freed, 315 S. Seminate Circle Wednesday evening, May 11.

GENERAL COUNCIL

There will be a GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING on Tuesday, May 10 at 2 P.M. in the Church Parlor. This is a called meeting. Several matters of business will be discussed. This meeting should be of interest to every member of the General Council and we shall appreciate a large attendance. Will the Secretaries and Treasurers bring their reports to this meeting. There will be no business transacted at the May Breakfast.

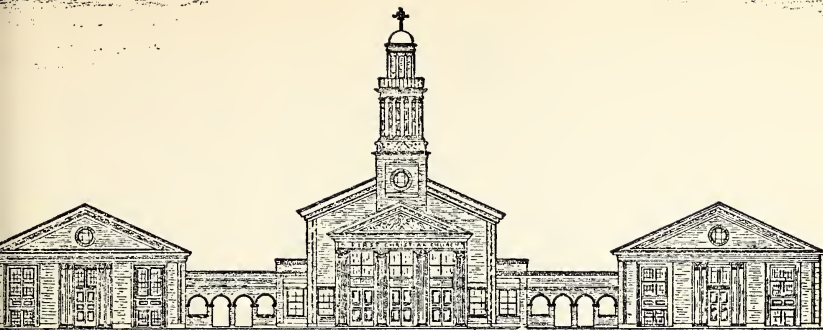
MAY BREAKFAST — MAY 24, 9:30 A.M.

This is an Annual Gala Day on the Calendar of the Council. A fine program is being arranged. The Breakfast will be served PROMPTLY at 9:30. This will enable mothers with school age children to come and return home before lunch. The Committee in charge will need to know how many to prepare for. Please call your President by May 20, as to how many members and guests will be present from the groups. MEMBERS OF THE REBECCA CIRCLE WILL MAINTAIN A NURSERY in the Children House for pre-school children. This is a Circle Project. The charge will be 15c per child or to for 25c. Mothers are urged to take advantage of this service.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Of Those Who Have Their Pledges Up To Date

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ludwig, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Mrs. Alpha Piercy, Mrs. Lois Pifer, Miss Evelyn Powell, Miss Margaret Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Verl Pribble, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Pritchard, Mrs. Rosella Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl, Mrs. Nelle Reed, Mrs. Mallie Reidt, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Philip Ripple, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ripple, Mrs. Harold Roberts, Mrs. Geo. C. Robinson, Mrs. F. H. Rogers. (To be continued)



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MORNING WORSHIP — 10:30 A.M.

Sermon: "What Is In Your Mind?"

Preacher: Our Pastor

A fine crowd attended our Mother's Day service. The coming of five persons as new members made a fitting climax for our morning service. Be on time this Sunday. A good program of music and worship is planned.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

The Education Committee met on Tuesday evening to work on plans for the Summer and Fall program.

COME TO CHURCH SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY

COME-DOUBLE CHAIRMEN

Our new members are receiving a cordial welcome into the Church. A lot of this is due to the work and planning of our Co-Chairman Couples, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Fuchshuber are Co-Chairmen for May.

GREETERS ON SUNDAY

Our Official Board are choosing Greeters to serve at the doors on Sunday morning. For this program to be a success each member should consider himself a greeter to make everyone welcome who attends First Christian

FATHER AND SON BANQUET SUNDAY, MAY 22nd — 6:30 P.M.

"Jack" Norton and his committees are at work to make this an outstanding event. Men! Have you your son or a youth for that night? Get your tickets at once. The dinner will be served by the Woman's Council. Reservations MUST be in by May 18th. Call Mrs. Vaught or Mrs. Clyde Driver, or Church Office.

STATE CONVENTION AT INDIANAPOLIS

Over 20 registered for the 110th State Convention from our Church. There will be interesting sessions on Friday and Saturday. Anyone desiring to attend these sessions can register at the Central Christian Church, North Delaware at Walnut St., Indianapolis, Indiana.

HOME TALENT NIGHT JUNE 3rd.

Groups are lining up talent for a grand evening on June 3rd. You will be amazed at the fine array of talent in First Christian Church.

SUMMER CONFERENCES

Young people desiring to go to Intermediate Camp at Winona Lake or Young Peoples Conference at Lake Wawasee are asked to get in touch with Mr. Leversee



School Building at Hazel Green, the auditorium at the right being used regularly for programs to which the people of the community are invited.

A Native Son Returns

Students of Hazel Green Academy, Hazel Green, Kentucky, and townspeople from the village, crowded into the school auditorium recently to see one hundred beautifully colored slides accompanying a lecture, "The Romance of Palestine."

The lecturer, Dr. N. C. Carpenter, was a former student of the

school, living on the campus this year. Under the Biblical Research Bureau of New York he made an extensive study of Palestine, and has won membership in the International Lyceum Association.

A further service in the community is being rendered by Dr. Carpenter in teaching a class in the Sunday school of Hazel Green Christian Church. About thirty young people and adults are enrolled in his training course, "What Is Teaching," to prepare for teaching in the Sunday school.

before the Communists entered. Misses Lyrel Teagarden and Pauline Starn are the missionaries there.

Nanking and Wuhu, on the south bank of the river, have not yet been entered by the Communists, but the continual possibility of their "liberation" has caused many people to flee to safer areas.

Missionaries in Wuhu are Joseph Smith and Hubert Reynolds, whose families are in the United States and the Philippines, respectively. In Nanking are Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCallum, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smythe, Mr. and Mrs. Searle Bates, Mr. Walter Haskell, and Misses Wenona Wilkinson and Verla Elliott from the Hofei station.

The China Mission Reports

Our three stations situated north of the Yangtze River—Hofei, Chuhsien and Nantung—have been "liberated"—a term used by Communist forces in taking over a city.

In Chuhsien there has been no interference with the work of the church so far. On the first Sunday following the change in government, 20 persons were baptized by O. J. Goulter with scores of Communist soldiers looking on. Plans are being rushed for the institutes under the Christian Service Union. Mr. and Mrs. Goulter and George Cherryhomes are the missionaries here.

Hofei Christian Hospital is operating under Christian Chinese doctors and personnel. Mission schools are continuing but under the control of government authorities. The church is holding its usual services. No missionaries are on the station, but it is hoped two single women now in Nantung will be able to return soon.

Nantung was isolated for a time but early in March word came through by messenger that both church and school continue. Many members left the city

AND HE TAUGHT THEM, SAYING:

“— everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”

Matthew 7:8



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MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS

The Mother and Daughter Banquet was a great success. Many unusual and novel hats were worn. Prizes were won by Mrs. Elmer Wilkins, Mrs. Guy M. Drewett, Mrs. Robert M. Hopkins, Jr., Mrs. Charles Paul was the oldest mother present. Mrs. Robert Ashe, the youngest, and Mrs. Guy Drewett was the mother of the most daughters, having six.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Mr. and Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, Mrs. Olive Roy, Miss Barbara Rudicel, Mr. James Rupel, Miss Edna Saxon, Mrs. Millie Scherrer, Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, Miss Dona Mar Schrecongost, Mrs. Lillian Scott, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sharp, Mrs. Amy Schawhan, Mr. and Mrs. James Shockney, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Miss Sarah Shroyer, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Miss Paline Sigrist, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Siples, Mr. P. H. Somers, Mrs. Edith Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stevenson, Mrs. Kenneth Stickler, Miss Ann McClain, Mrs. Roger Symms, Mrs. Fern Teeple, Mrs. Merl Teeters, Mrs. Louise Ternet, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tharp, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Tracey, Miss Harriet Treace, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Vaught, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Vesey, Miss Ruby Whisman, Doyle Whitton, Gerald Whitton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitton, Robert Whitton, Mrs. C. B. Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson, Mrs. C. W. Winfield, Miss Nancy Woodhull, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Working, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yentes, Mrs. Mattie Yonkman, Mrs. Orpha Yost, Miss Ruth Yost, Miss Wilma Yost, Mr. and Mrs. Bret Young, Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Young, Sylvan Young.

THE MAY BREAKFAST MAY 24, 9:30 A.M.

The Breakfast will be served promptly at 9:30 A.M. The Program Committee, Mrs. Charles Dare, chairman, has secured Mrs. B. F. Geyer, recently returned from a Around the World Trip, to speak for us. She will tell us something about the interesting places she visited. Mrs. J. M. Fitch, Music chairman, has arranged for special music. There will be no business.

The Rebecca Circle will maintain a Nursery for pre-school children, in the Children's House. As this is a Circle project the fee will be 15c for one child or two children for 25c. Mothers, please take advantage of this service.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Emma Carles is a patient in Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. Amy Shawhan has been ill at her home.

STATE CONVENTION — WOMEN'S DAY

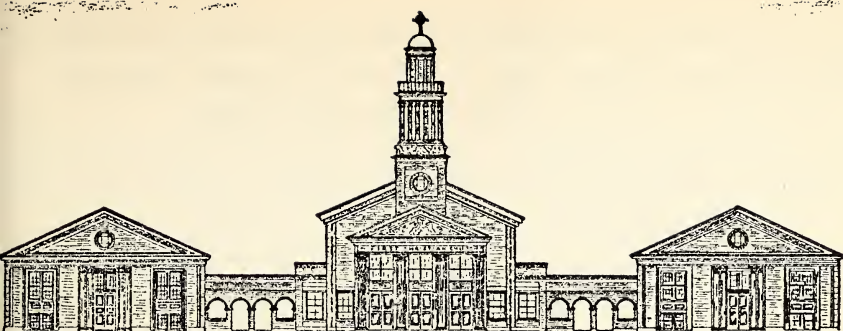
A mass meeting for the women of the Disciples of Christ will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2:00 P.M. at the Third Christian Church, Indianapolis. Miss Pearl Jones will be presiding officer. Miss Margaret Lawrence, missionary on leave from China will be the principal speaker.

"A STEWARDSHIP RUT"

Many Christians have gotten into a "stewardship rut" for some reason or other. They got started giving a nickel to Sunday School and never thought of giving any more or any less. They also got into a rut concerning the amount given to the local church and to missions.

No recognition was given to increased income and no thought was given to the desperate need of people around the world. Each one of us should consider whether or not he has gotten into a "Stewardship rut."

A TITHER is not in a "Stewardship rut." When his income increases, the amount that he gives is automatically larger. The tithing keeps him from being selfish.



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ON THE AIR
SUNDAY

WFTW

11:20 A. M.

MORNING WORSHIP

10:30 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE 10:30 A. M.

SERMON:

"WHAT ARE YOU DOING?"

PREACHER: OUR PASTOR

CHURCH SCHOOL

9:30 A. M.

MEN'S FORUM 6:30 P.M.

FATHER AND SONS BANQUET

Allen Garee, Aerealist Artist, will describe "Life in the Circus". Marvin Crouse, Magician, will bring mystery feats that will interest everyone. Toast to sons to be given by Henry M. Flowers. Response will be given by Sylvan Young. Special music, Singing by the group. President Jack Norton will preside—Alan Bell is in charge of tickets. The dinner will be served by the Woman's Council. Tickets, \$1.00. Boys under ten years of age, tickets, 65c.

Miss Buena Stober Says

My reports (in medical work last year) read something like this:

150 dental examinations and treatments for school children; 75 extractions; 60 fillings.

46 lepers cared for in the colony, of whom 26 are Christians, 19 being baptized last year. All patients are improved, two dismissed as symptom-free.

198 infants up to six years enrolled in the baby clinic; average attendance from six nearby villages, 86. No deaths among clinic babies during the year.

170 mothers received care: 59 babies were delivered, 32 of them at the hospital.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST CONGO
MISSION MONDOMBE STATION

The Christian Church Damoh, India

Is one of 33 organized churches in the Disciples of Christ India Mission.

Has a membership in Damoh and in one outstation of 248.

Is led by Frederick Lawrence, an educated Indian and a true Christian.

Elects its elders, deacons, deaconesses, and committee members for the church council—as in our churches.

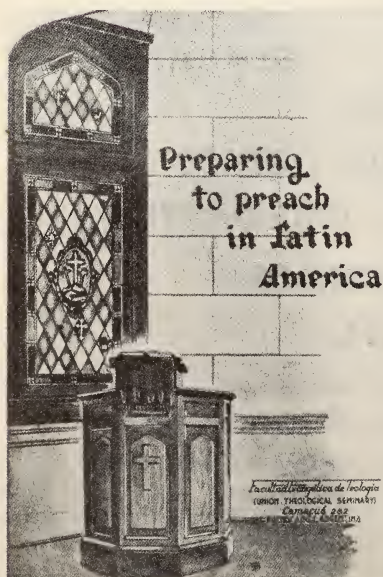
Observes special days and emphases in the church calendar, such as Christian Family Week, World Day of Prayer, and the missionary days.

Is engaged in *A Crusade for a Christian World*, having set goals for the various emphases, including a special offering.



Union Theological Seminary

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA



Disciples of Christ are proud to have part in training of leaders for the Evangelical churches of South America. Mr. and Mrs. George Earle Owen, now on furlough, are staff members at the Seminary in addition to general responsibilities carried for our Mission.

Students come from Methodist, Disciples of Christ, Waldensian, Presbyterian, Armenian, and Baptist churches.

Their homes are Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Panama, Peru, and Uruguay.

They prepare for Christian service—In beautiful sanctuaries, in simple chapels, in the open air; Through worship, through teaching, through fellowship; By healing, by counselling, by play.

Enrollment in 1940 was 13 students; in 1943, 32; in 1946, 50; and in 1949, 70.



"I am the good shepherd . . .

I lay down my life for the sheep."

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Softball team calls for the support of all. The Team are members of our church and our church school.

In a survey and study on why Children when grown no longer go to Sunday School, reveals that when parents go with their children to Sunday School, when grown, they continue to go. Parents who send their children to Sunday school, when they are grown, a large percentage cease to go. Go with your children, that is the right ay.

ATTENTION!! YOUTH

Now is the time to register for Intermediate Camp and Youth Summer Conference. See Mr. B. W. Leversee.

HOME TALENT NIGHT

Friday, June 3, 7:30 P.M.

An evening of fun and entertainment Wholesome Good for the whole family. Proceeds to go for a new Sound Projector. Children, 25c; Adults, 40c.

WHY I PLEDGE

I have a financial pledge to my church and I keep it paid because:

I love my church and want to serve it.

I know my church needs money to meet its operating expenses.

I want my church to be benevolent—to support educational and missionary enterprises.

I want to see a better world in which to live.

I cannot honestly accept all the wonderful benefits of my church without in turn contributing to it. —Meeting House.

IN SYMPATHY

We wish to express our deepest sincere sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Ditton and Mrs. Wm. Coblenz, in the recent passing away of father and brother, Mr. John H. Frame. May God bless you in this dark hour.

ILLNESS

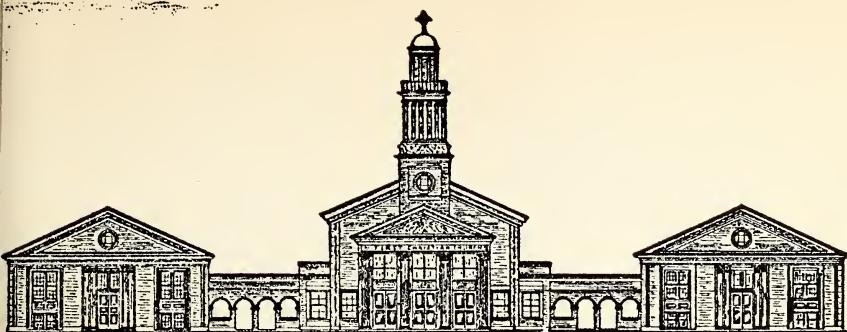
In Hospitals: Mr. Kenneth Richwine is a patient in the Lima hospital following an automobile accident. Mrs. Florence Parsons, Robert Working and Mrs. Emma Carles at Lutheran. Billie Branstrator is home with a broken leg.

MAY BREAKFAST, MAY 24, 9:30 A.M.

ATTENTION — GROUP PRESIDENTS

If you have not already contacted your group and called in your reservations for the May breakfast to be held next Tuesday, please do so NOW. Call Mrs. Hugh Rice, President of Dorcas, or Mrs. Vaught.

Mrs. B. F. Geyer will be the speaker, bringing experiences of her World Tour. Mrs. J. M. Fitch has arranged for special music. Come! bring friends and urge other members to be present. All are welcome



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SUNDAY

WFTW 1090 on your dial 11:30 A. M.

MORNING WORSHIP

10:20 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE 10:20 A. M.

SERMON:

"MAKING UP ONE'S MIND"

PREACHER: OUR PASTOR

CHURCH SCHOOL

9:30 A. M.

HOME TALENT NIGHT

Friday, June 3rd. 8:00 P.M.

From Amateur to Artist — From Youth to Adult — From Fun to Solemnity
From Music to Drama

We shall see and enjoy the talent in our church. Offerings, Adult, 40c; Children, 25c. The proceeds are to go toward the purchase of a sound movie projector.



From nearby homes in a well-populated section of Los Angeles come peoples of many races and of all ages to All People's Church and Community House. The small children are in kindergarten through the day while their parents work; after school the playground attracts boys and girls, or they come for club meetings that provide guided activities. Young people fill the halls and meeting rooms in the evenings. Mothers' clubs, Sunday school, library, home visitation, personal counselling, worship and communion services, programs for special occasions, athletics for various age groups — it's all the work of the church.

"I couldn't sleep at night unless I had spent a few hours at the church," says one young man. He comes after work to do any service needed — helping in the office, running errands, directing groups on the playground.

Shouldn't this be the response of young people in all churches?

Tomorrow's Leaders

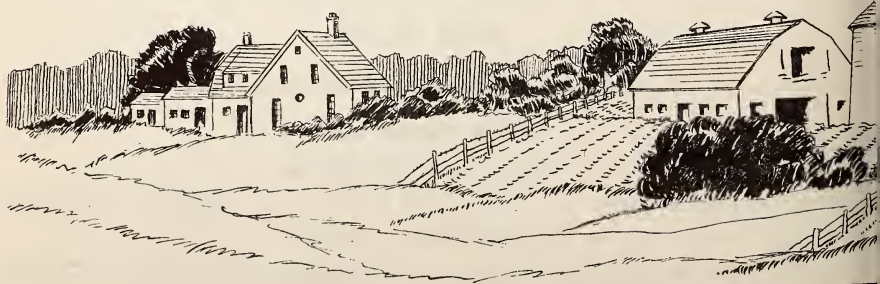
"Our most rugged moral and spiritual leadership has come from rural America. Six presidents of the United States were born in log cabins, five others were sons of farmers. Three were sons of artisans, three were children of country parsons. A recent poll made by Edwin Hunter indicated that fifty-three senators, all but one member of the supreme court, and thirty-five governors were born in communities of less than 2,500.

"The vital end of the sources of life are our small communities. They are the foundation of democratic living, the seed bed of our population, the source of our membership in the urban church. Therefore, the type of leadership we have in both church and state tomorrow depends on the effectiveness of our religious education program in the rural church."

—Dr. John B. Ketcham
International Council of
Religious Education

Learning To Be Christians

For the 1949 school year at Colegio Internacional in Asuncion, Paraguay, the boys' boarding department has been discontinued to give more room for classes. Enrollment has grown to well over five hundred each year, with many applicants being turned away. Our mission school is setting high standards for its own work, and also for other educational institutions in Paraguay.



*The sun lies light on a jade-green hill,
There's a burst of song from a loosened rill,
The wind warms the breast of a new-turned sod,
And the note of a bird links earth with God.*

— Anne Elizabeth Maddock.



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ATTENTION — WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Committee in charge of Father and Sons Banquet takes this means to thank all those who in any way helped in the preparation and serving and cleaning up for this dinner.

PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers were beautiful last Sunday. We wish to express our thanks to those who presented them to the church. We know those who worshipped with us enjoyed them.

FRIENDLY CLASS

The Friendly Bible Class will meet at the home of Mrs. Jos. Siples, 1127 Charlotte St., on Friday, June 3, at 8:00 P.M.

The **Dorcas Circle** will meet Thursday, June 2, at 1:45 P.M. with Mrs. Paul Whitton, 608 E. Creighton Ave., Mrs. Harold Wise will assist the hostess. **Mrs. Lawrence Horn** will give devotions and **Mrs. Harold Roberts** will be in charge of the program.

NOTES

Mr. U. E. Treace is confined to his home. He can have visitors.

MEN'S FORUM

Dr. A. C. Worley has invited the Men's Forum to his home for their June meeting. His beautiful home is located at 2551 Terrace Road.

ORCHIDS!

To: Allen Garee — Marvin Crouse — who gave our sons such a grand program last Sunday and to Henry M. Flowers — father, and Sylvan Young — son, who gave the toast and response.

CHILDREN'S DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 5th

9:30 A.M. Program from the Children's House.

11:30, Service for the Blessing of the Children.

Offering—One of our **FOUR SPECIAL DAYS** — This offering goes to Missionary Work as carried through the United Christian Missionary Society encircling the globe.

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Ann Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Morrical. Congratulations, Parents!

IN SYMPATHY

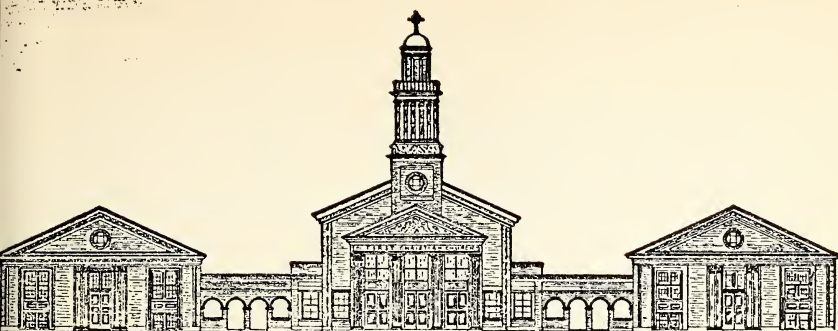
We wish to express our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Margaret Owen and Miss Ernie Owen in the recent loss of sister and aunt, Mrs. Emma Carles. Mrs. Carles was a faithful member of this church for many years. Altho in recent years, due to ill health, she was unable to attend services regularly, she will be missed by many friends who knew her.

TIDINGS

The Tidings subscription is \$1.00 per year. If you have not paid your subscription for this year, please let this be a reminder to you.

SOFTBALL TEAM

Our team has won both games this season. Last Tuesday they won over the Trinity English Lutheran 11-7. Will play again next Tuesday at McMillen Park.



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ON THE AIR
SUNDAY

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MORNING WORSHIP
10:20 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE 10:20 A. M.

SERMON:

"PUTTING YOUR RELIGION TO WORK"

PREACHER: OUR PASTOR

Service for Blessing the Children, 11:25 A.M.

Children's Day Program 9:30 A. M.

CHILDREN DAY PROGRAM — 9:30 A. M.

The Children's Day Program will be put on by the children from the CHILDREN'S HOUSE. A delightful program has been planned.

The CHILDREN DAY OFFERING goes to the world work of our Brotherhood. Make your offering a liberal one.

HOME TALENT NIGHT

Friday, June 3rd. 8:00 P.M.

From the Choir, from oldsters and youngsters, we shall enjoy an evening of music, light drama, fun and fellowship. A brass band under the direction of Mr. O. E. Odgen will bring music. Don't miss the evening of Home Talent from your Church. Adults 40c; children 25c. THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF A SOUND PROJECTOR. The youth group under the leadership of Miss Ruby Whisman and Miss Evelyn Powell are sponsoring this evening's program.

Preaching The Word

A mobile evangelism unit has been provided for the French-Acadian Mission in Louisiana by the Home Missions Division. A metal station wagon equipped with a public address system and a record player will be used in connection with evangelistic meetings.

Mr. John Newman, French pastor, has recently been transferred from St. Charles to Mamou, much nearer the center of the French-speaking work. With the aid of the mobile unit and the large tent provided last year for holding meetings, the ministry can be extended to a wide area.

Besides the churches at Lake Charles and Mamou, the Mission includes French-speaking churches at Sulphur and Kinder. Mr. David E. Donaldson, minister at Hi-Mount Christian Church in Lake Charles, is the supervisor of the Mission.



News of Missionaries

Miss Ruth Mitchell, R. N., head of our nurses' training school at Jackman Memorial Hospital, Bilaspur, India, arrived for furlough on March 7. She expects to finish work for her Masters Degree in nursing education while home this year.

Mrs. Ambra Hurt and daughter, Virginia, sailed for Belgian Congo on March 13. Mrs. Hurt will rejoin the staff of our Congo Mission, where she served from 1921 to 1947.

Miss Eva Marie Johnson, appointed a missionary to Congo on January 26 and ordained in the Burley (Idaho) Christian Church on March 13, will sail for Congo on April 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Hughes, who have just completed a year's furlough,

sailed from New Orleans on February 10 for Asuncion, Paraguay, where both have responsibilities in our school, Colegio Internacional, and in the Church of Christ. They were provided a station wagon from funds given in A Crusade for a Christian World, which will facilitate the work in the leper colony and in the new station at Coronel Oviedo.

Miss Agnes Fishbach, also of the Paraguay Mission, returned to her field on February 12, reaching Asuncion for the opening of the new school term at Colegio Internacional.



A Christian Home

- Provides for the religious nurture of its members;
- Conducts its family life in Christian fellowship and mutual appreciation;
- Fosters a consciousness of God and a loyalty to Jesus as teacher and friend;
- Shares together in the teaching and worship of the church;
- Practices good citizenship in the community, the state, and the nation;
- Creates brotherhood through fellowship of the family with people of other groups, races, and nationalities;
- Gives generous support to Christian work at home and abroad.



*Teach us Thy
way, O Lord*



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MEN'S FORUM

Sunday Evening — 6:30 O'clock

At the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Worley, the Men's Forum will enjoy their June meeting. The gracious invitation of their host and hostess was unanimously accepted. Dr. Worley's home is at 2551 Terrace Drive.

Mr. Courtney Combs will give a short talk on "Politicians I Have Known." As a courtesy of the Cocoa Cola Co., Mr. D. H. Planton will show a film on salesmanship.

"Jack" Norton, president, has appointed a supper committee. A brief business session will be conducted by the president. Alan Bell and Albert Egly report an increase in registered members. Get your membership card. Robert Ash, attendance chairman, is making a special effort to have a full representation.

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Walter C. Birkhold in the loss of his mother who was 88 years old. Mr. Birkhold was very devoted to his mother. Mr. Birkhold is chairman of our Board of Trustees.

NOTES

Mrs. Cecil Rice, who underwent surgery at the St. Joseph Hospital, returned home Monday. The best wishes and prayers of the church go to her. Mr. Rice is superintendent of our Church School.

PARENTS! Get in touch with Mrs. Alan Bell, Phone E-38514 for arrangement to bring children for Service of Blessing, Sunday. Parents are asked to have their children at the church by 11:15 A.M. this next Sunday.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet Wednesday, June 8, at 8:00 P.M. The Cabinet will meet at 7:00 P.M.

Elders Schedule for June

June 5—Dr. A. C. Worley, Mr. Dale Parkerson; June 12—Mr. F. Wayne Rouseau, Mr. Owen Vaught; June 19—Mr. F. E. Morrical, Mr. P. H. Somers; June 26—Mr. J. Z. Berlien, Mr. Hugh D. Rice.

Deacons Schedule for June

Mr. C. D. Palmer, Captain, A-56632; Robert Rayl, Martin C. Brudi, K. W. Sefton, A. L. Gaskill, M. G. Heller, H. C. Banet, Leo E. Miller.

ONE DAY DISTRICT CONFERENCE — KENDALLVILLE, JUNE 7

This district meeting is for members of our church, especially for the women. We would like to have several cars go from this church. The host church at Kendallville will serve the drink at noon and each person attending bring a sack lunch.

Miss Pearl Jones, our State Secretary, and Mrs. Greider, our District Chairman will be there. Those planning to attend the conference please call the church office.

The women of the Council voted to attend this Conference in lieu of sponsoring a work shop. Your president urges as many women as can attend. Registration at 9:30 and sessions begin at 10 o'clock, closing at 3:30 P. M.

Mrs. T. Edwin Milligan

Mrs. T. Edwin Milligan had many friends in First Christian Church all of whom were deeply grieved at her passing away this last Monday. Mrs. Milligan was an artist who graciously gave of herself whenever possible. She enriched our Services with her beautiful singing many, many times. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her dear family and may God bless them during the dark days ahead.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Martha Circle will meet with Mrs. Charles Dare, 115 E. Masterson on Thursday afternoon, June 9.

The Ruth Circle will have a pot luck luncheon at the home of Mrs. Ray Moore, at Cedarville, Indiana, on Tuesday, June 7th.



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ON THE AIR
SUNDAY

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MORNING WORSHIP

Summer Time — 10:00 A.M.

ROSE AND FLOWER SUNDAY

Organ Prelude

9:55 A.M.

SERMON:

"FACING TODAY'S QUESTIONS"

PREACHER:

OUR PASTOR

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

There will be no opening exercises. You are to go to your classes immediately.

FLOWER SUNDAY

Bring flowers this Sunday as a special offering. If possible, get the flowers here on Saturday and the Church Committee will see they are properly arranged.

RADIO 10:30 THIS SUNDAY

Our Broadcast will go directly on the air from the Church beginning this Sunday 10:30 — 11:00 A.M.

Rural Gospel Schools

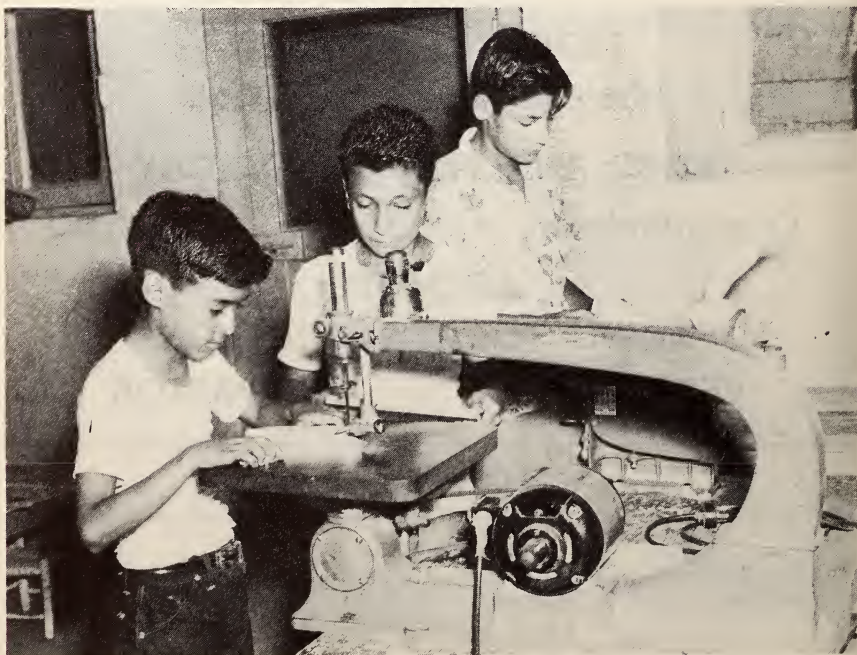
Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, the leading Christian of Japan for many years, founded the "Rural Gospel School" movement in his native land in 1926. These generally lapsed during the war because of pressure for agricultural production and opposition to Christianity.

Now the schools are being reestablished by Dr. Kagawa and officers of the Church of Christ in Japan, as a

part of a nation-wide evangelistic movement in rural areas. "Schools" are held during the leisure seasons of the farmer's life, usually in winter or late autumn. Sessions may last three days or a month; they are led by local ministers and draw in rural specialists and rural pastors as their faculties; the curriculum is composed of Bible studies, social and domestic problems, farm management, agricultural practices, and health instruction.



WOODWORK AND WOODCRAFT are popular pastime occupations for boys at Mexican Christian Institute, San Antonio. The shop includes six power machines. In September, 1948, it was opened to adults for what is known as a "Furniture Clinic." Leaders will assist in the repair of furniture or in making new pieces, as is desired.



I need not shout my faith. Thrice eloquent
Are quiet trees and the green listening sod.

—TOWNE



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HOME TALENT NIGHT

Around forty-eight dollars was cleared at the Home Talent Night and a fund was started for our Sound Movie Projector. Between forty and fifty people participated in this program.

MEN'S FORUM

The Men's Forum meeting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Worley was a delightful affair last Sunday. This was the last meeting until Fall.

EVENING GUILD

The Evening Guild will meet with Mrs. Edwin Geerken, 3420 S. Broadway, Monday night, June 13 at 8 o'clock. Mrs. David Hogg will review the book, "The Big Fisherman."

The Martha Circle will meet with Mrs. Charles Dare, Thursday, June 16, at 2:15 P.M.

ILLNESS

Mrs. C. F. Ellison will undergo surgery on Friday, June 10.

NOTES

"Billie" Hauser, whose name failed to appear on program played in the song flute group in the Uncle Tom's Cabin Drama.

IN SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Charles Young and Mrs. Edward Dulgahan in the recent passing away of their dear husband and father, Charles Young.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Donna Blair invites the congregation to be present at her wedding on Saturday, 6:30 p.m. The music will begin at 6:15.

THANKS!

We express our thanks to the following who are contributing to our Radio Broadcast. Colonel Courtney Combs, \$24.00; Mr. Albert Egly, \$12.00; Miss Doris Beck, \$25.00.

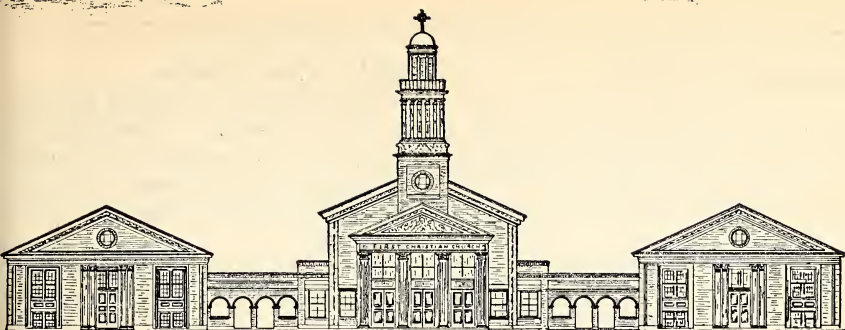
BABIES IN SERVICE OF BLESSING LAST SUNDAY

Stephen Earl Yentes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yentes; Ann Elizabeth Morrical, daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Morrical; Deneen Kay Geerken, daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Geerken; David Michael Current, son, Mr. and Mrs. Aden Current; Howard Jay Howell, son, Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Howell; Robert Harold Bowker, Gerald Lee Bowker, sons, Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Bowker; James Richard Prass, son, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Prass; Deanna Lee Nordblom, daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nordblom.

The following people came forward last Sunday at Church services: Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rudicel; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Libbey; Mr. Newell B. Kean, Jr.

OUR PASTOR

Is to speak at the 85th State Convention on Christian Education for Indiana Council of Churches on Wednesday morning, June 8, at 10:15 o'clock at Winchester, Indiana. He has been asked to participate in the Conference of the National Christian Teaching Missions for leaders which is to be held at Conference Point, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. He has also been invited by the Federal Council of Churches, on July 21, to help prepare for the Christian Mission sponsored by that organization. Our pastor is also preparing a paper for the Bethany Church School Guide on "The Church and The Marriage Ceremony." Devotion for "The Secret Place." He has had articles in the "Front Rank" and in the International Council's "Journal of Religious Education" and "The Christian Evangelist" in recent numbers.



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Number 1

ON THE AIR
SUNDAY

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FATHER'S DAY
MORNING WORSHIP
10:00 A.M.

Organ Prelude

9:55 A.M.

SERMON:
"FAITH OF YOUR FATHERS"
PREACHER: OUR PASTOR

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CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A.M.

Remember go to your class immediately. Sunday School and Church—one hour and a half.

There are 168 hours in the week. The least anyone can do is to spend one and one half hours in Church each Sunday.

Children's Day offering hold over for this Sunday. If you have not done so, Individuals and Classes will bring offering this Sunday.

Camping In India

Camping is popular in India — but not in the sense we know it. During the dry season, when roads are passable, missionaries, Bible women, and evangelists go out into country areas where regular Christian teaching is not done. Living in tents for five or six days, intensive preaching and teaching is the order of the day and late into the night.

People come from as far as two or three miles and remain as long as a song will be sung or a story told.

Last year one camp was held in a group of villages near Pendra Road where at least 5,000 people live. At first they were skeptical of the teaching but after the second night meeting they became very interested.

Men and women evangelists used a loud speaker while singing or telling the gospel story so that large crowds heard the message, many of them for the first time.

Adults Can Learn

Adult education is accepted without question in America. Thousands of mature men and women are enrolled in colleges and universities, or undertake to learn one of the arts after middle life.

So in Christian education, men and women are enrolled in classes or discussion groups to explore truth which will help to relate Biblical teaching to daily living, and to develop personal faith.

It is estimated that Disciples of Christ enroll in their church school classes more than a half million adults.

Last year 1,864 adults attended the 27 adult conferences, and 2,779 served as faculty members in Chi Rho camps for intermediates and young people's summer conferences.

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IN THE PARAGUAY MISSION, Colegio Internacional opened this year without boarding facilities for boys. The building is being used for classrooms to accommodate a larger enrollment.

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Seventy-five Years of Serving

Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi, our oldest school for Negroes, dates from 1875. Last year it enrolled 565 Negro boys and girls from 13 states. Kindergarten, grade and high school, and junior college classes were afforded, Bible study and opportunity for worship in the church on the campus, and clubs and recreation for healthy social activities.

The Y M C A and Y W C A cabinets for 1948





“And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.”

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YOUTH CONFERENCE ON LAKE WAWASEE

Miss Ruby Whisman is teaching and is in charge of recreation at the Conference this week. Normand Horn, and Norman King and Miss Gail Parsons are representing our church this year.

INTERMEDIATE CAMP — WINONA LAKE — JUNE 19-24

This Camp for those in 7th and 8th grade Public School, has place for five from our Church. Those interested should get in touch immediately with Mr. B. W. Leversee.

OUR BAND

Mr. O. E. Ogden has directed our Band Group. This group will not meet until next September when the Band will begin practice for the second Home Talent Night.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

CINCINNATI, OHIO — OCTOBER 25 to 30

Mr. Albert Egly, Mrs. Charles Dare and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist have in the last three Sundays presented the Convention before our congregation. Pre-registrations are now being received. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist are Co-chairmen to promote attendance to this Convention which will celebrate 100 years of Missionary Co-operative work among the Disciples of Christ.

OUR SOFT BALL TEAM

Our Team at this writing remains unbeaten. We hope to publish the names of the players in the next issue of the Tidings. Watch the newspapers and support your team.

RADIO

Reports bring us information that we are being heard on Sunday over a wide area. From shut-ins, Hospitals and from those who weren't in Church services, we are finding friends for First Christian.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The Executive Committee of the General Council will meet at 7 P.M. Tuesday, June 21.

The General Council program will begin at 8 o'clock on Tuesday, June 21. The Naomi Circle is in charge of devotions. The Rebecca Circle has the program, the topic: "A Spiritual Quest." The film, "My Name Is Han" will be shown. The Allen County Home Economics Ladies Chorus will furnish special music. The Guild members will be hostesses and the Esther Circle will serve as hospitality committee. We are assured of an unusually fine program and hope every member of the Council will feel it imperative to be present. Husbands and friends are welcome. LET US MAKE THIS A FINE MEETING WITH 100% IN ATTENDANCE.

FRIENDLY CONTEST

We wish to remind you of the friendly rivalry contest between the Circles of the Council. Attendance at the General meetings is the object of the contest. The group having the largest per capita membership at the monthly meetings will be specially recognized and rewarded at the end of the year.

CHOIR PICNIC

The choir and families, will meet with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Horn, R. 8, Sandpoint Road, Thursday, June 23, for a basket picnic supper and choir practice.

WEDDING BELLS

Saturday, June 11, wedding bells rang for Kenneth Russell Wheaton and Miss Alta Lee Lucas; and, Norment Bobay and Miss Donna Blair.

PULPIT FLOWERS

Miss Ethel Shroyer and Miss Sarah Shroyer are giving flowers for the pulpit this next Sunday, Father's Day in memory of their father.

THANKS

The flowers for last Sunday were arranged by a special committee from the Friendly Bible Class.



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Organ Prelude

9:55 A.M.

OUR MINISTER TO MEXICO

PAUL C. KEPPLE

TO SPEAK OVER THE AIR AT CHURCH SERVICE

SERMON:

"THE MISSIONARY PROGRAM FOR MEXICO"

MR. KEPPLE HAS BEEN OUR LIVING LINK MISSIONARY FOR AROUND 20 YEARS

There will be opportunity for those who wish to make a special gift to Mr. Kepple and his work in Fabellon, Mexico, at the Worship Service next Sunday.



The Home Stretch

June 30, 1949 marks the close of two years of A CRUSADE FOR A CHRISTIAN WORLD. One year to go!

Together the churches of the brotherhood have worked toward goals which will bring thousands of men and women into our fellowship; we have studied to increase our devotion to Christ; we have planned for more effective Christian living.

The realization of the goals is in sight. Together, we stand ready to complete the work we have started. June 30, 1950 is one year away.



Health Center At Indian Mission

Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Corpron, recently returned from China, have offered their services in opening a health center at Yakima Indian Christian Mission, White Swan, Washington.

Dr. Corpron, a physician and surgeon, will establish his practice in nearby Yakima, Washington, but will give time to this new service. Mrs. Corpron is a graduate nurse and dietitian.

At Hofei, China, they have headed the work of the Luchowfu Christian Hospital since 1924.



Missionaries On Furlough

Mrs. Miriam Terry arrived in New York on April 18 on furlough from the India Mission. She has served there since 1933, working with children's departments in the churches and in primary schools.

Because the war prevented her return to India at the close of her last furlough, she taught at Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi, until travel was permitted.

Miss Edna Poole of the Congo Mis-

sion arrived for furlough about April 15. She has been in Congo since 1932, and stationed at Bolege during all that time. Her particular responsibility has been the supervision and direction of the schools on the station where approximately 400 boys and girls, young men, and women are enrolled each year.



Training Church Leaders

Christian College, a secondary school conducted by the Jamaica Mission, has an enrollment of 25 for the spring term, the same as in the fall.

Eight of the students are boarders, and some who are day students come long distances. One walks more than four miles each way, every day. The physical energy used drains his strength until his school work is affected but he is nearly always present. He has a strong determination to secure an education.

Christian College is making plans to offer a work program to two students, similar to that at Southern Christian Institute. Working for one year they will earn enough to pay board and school fees for the succeeding year.



**"Commit thy way unto the Lord;
Trust also in him."**

Psalms 37:5

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Mr. Paul C. Kepple, home on regular furlough from Mexico, is a missionary representing the Disciples of Christ. Going to that field in 1930, Mr. and Mrs. Kepple first served with the Christian school at San Luis Potosi. After their first furlough, the Kepples were stationed at Aguascalientes and began to give more time to the village work. In 1947, the Mission was able to purchase land and erect a home for the Kepples at Pabellon, establishing a new station there. Mr. Kepple is a native of Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of Taylor University and of Hartford Seminary Foundation. The Kepples have three children, Misses Phyllis and Marjorie, and Paul C., Jr.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

(GO DIRECT TO CLASSES)

The High School group will have as their teacher this Sunday, Mr. David Todd, Actuary for the Midwestern Life Insurance Company of this city. He has had wide experience in working with young people.

WE CONTINUE TO GROW

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Timbrook have been among our faithful worshippers on Sunday mornings. Last Sunday they were received into the Church. They come from the Harlan Church.

Next week we hope to print the names of those who have come in since our membership directory was printed.

SYMPATHY

To Mr. and Mrs. Gail Roe and daughter in the death of Mr. Roe's mother. Our sincere sympathy is extended. She lived in Markle, Indiana, and died in the Methodist Hospital last Sunday afternoon.

ILLNESS

We are happy to report favorably on the injury which Robert Current (5 years old) received when his face was lacerated, when an auto side-swiped him. He suffered a double fracture of his lower jaw. He has been a very brave lad. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aden Current.

Mrs. Georgia Ellison who underwent major surgery at the Lutheran Hospital is reported to be doing well. She cannot receive visitors.

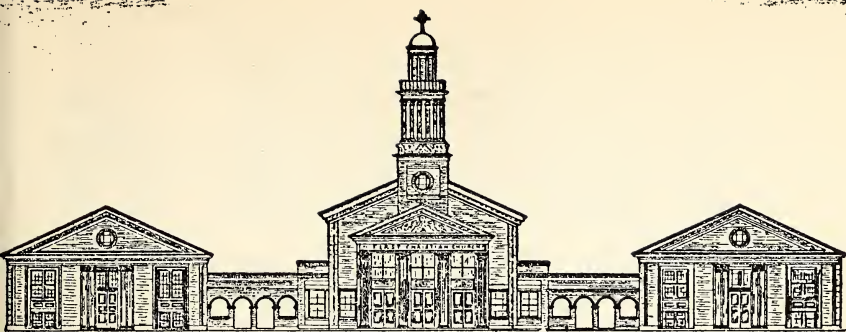
Mrs. Paul Parsons can receive visitors at the Lutheran Hospital where she has been for several weeks.

PULPIT FLOWERS

The pulpit flowers last Sunday were very lovely and they were greatly appreciated. We wish to thank the donors and also the committee in charge of decorating.

THE ALLEN COUNTY HOME ECONOMICS CHORUS

That was a fine treat last Tuesday evening when the Allen County Ladies' Chorus presented several numbers on the program of the General meeting of the Woman's Council. We wish to express our appreciation of their fine contribution to the program. Mrs. J. M. Fitch is Music Chairman for the Council.



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INDEPENDENCE SUNDAY
MORNING WORSHIP

Summer Time

10:00 A.M.

Organ Prelude

9:55 A.M.

SERMON:

"A CHALLENGE FROM THE HIGHEST"

Guest Preacher:

REV. JOSEPH B. FITCH

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CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Remember go to your Class immediately at 9:30. Let us keep up our attendance at Church School and Morning Worship.

July is vacation time for our Pastor, Mrs. Beck and Martha Jeanette. Our good wishes go with them and we shall all be happy to greet them when they return August 1st.

The Church Follows Its Students



The student work program, as conducted by our brotherhood, is to keep the student and the church related, linking the teaching work of the church to the mature Christian experience.

Thirty-one student centers are now receiving grants through the department of religious education of the United Society.



They Still Need Us

The *monthly* needs of Church World Service, the interdenominational relief agency of American Protestant churches, to answer calls from Europe and Asia during this year, are:

2,000 bales of men's heavy clothing;
700 bales of women's heavy clothing;
700 bales of infants layettes and clothing;
450 bales of bedding, sheets, blankets, quilts;

700 bales of light clothing for women;
350 bales of light clothing for men;
700 bales of light clothing for children.

Churches and church people are requested to send donations to nearby centers for shipment to needy areas. Continuous material aid in the name of Him who taught we are all brothers not only relieves present suffering but gives the needed spiritual assistance.



○ Heart, that beats with every human heart,

○ Heart, that weeps with every human tear,

○ Heart, that sings with every human song,

Fill our slow hearts with flood-tides of Thy love.

—*Maurice Rowntree*



—*Harmon.*

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SUMMERTIME IS PLANNING TIME

Great plans are ahead for First Christian.

To make our Church effective, each organization and sub-organization are asked to make their plans ahead for 1949-1950.

The overall plan begins in September, with a call to Church Loyalty. October 2nd will be Church Loyalty and World Communion Sunday.

October 17th will be Layman's Sunday.

Beginning October 1st and running for 13 weeks to December 31st, we shall have Church Loyalty Crusade. Everyone in the Church will be asked to attend Church regularly for that period.

Again during this period it will be recommended to those who are not tithing to try it for three months. Think it over. Consider Tithing. If you can do it happily, try it.

Again during this period we shall heartily recommend a deepened spiritual life by finding time for prayer — meditation and Bible reading.

Begin now to plan for a richer Church life next Fall.

Our Evangelistic Program will be continued.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR JULY

July 3	W. C. Birkhold,	Albert Egly
July 10	B. W. Lerversee	Floyd Morrical
July 17	Owen Vaught	Dale Parkerson
July 24	Hugh D. Rice	Preston H. Somers
July 31	Joseph M. Fitch	J. Z Berlein

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR JULY

Arza Smith, Captain, H-15765; Wm. M. Moffitt, Romaine H. Cole, Richard Schrecongost, J. Hugh Tracey, Wm. H. Crouse, Rolland Ripple.

(If unable to serve, please call your chairman)

Mrs. Charles Dare has returned from Bethany Park after a week of teaching at the Youth Conference there.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Official Board will meet Wednesday, July 6, at 8 o'clock at the Church.

ILLNESS

Mrs. I. W. Ditton is a patient in Lutheran Hospital; Mrs. C. F. Ellison is much improved and may have callers.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

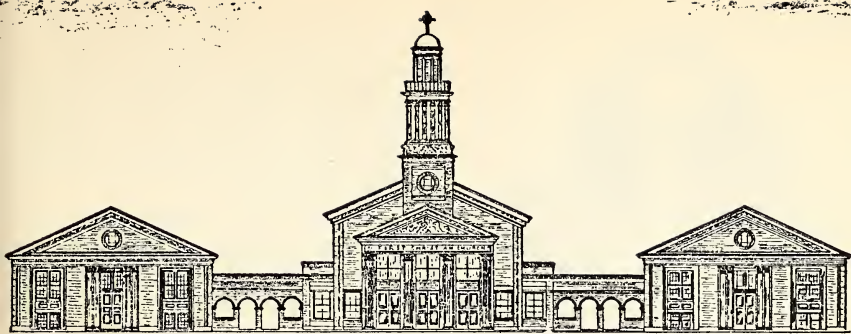
The Martha Circle will meet with Mrs. M. G. Heller, Thursday afternoon, July, 7.

NEW MEMBERS

MEMBERS WHO HAVE UNITED WITH THIS CHURCH SINCE

THE NEW DIRECTORY WAS PUBLISHED

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Russell, 604 W. Fifth St., A-69805; Mr. and Mrs. George R. Bruckman, 2110½ Maumee Ave., Forrest D. Smith, 3113 Lillie St., H-15765; Lloyd Flowers, 334 W. Fleming, Dwight Flowers, 334 W. Fleming, H-40022; Nancy Davis, 1101 W. Packard, H-35582; William Branstrator, R. 8, Coverdale Rd; Karen Branstrator, R. 8, Coverdale Rd.; Mrs. Maude Thurman, 1010 E. Columbia, A-57651; Miss Wanda Ray Cloyd, 2316 Miner St.; Steven Hand, 1222 W. Washington, A-4815; Miss Martha Driver, 2316, H-91214; Miss Patty Whitten, 426 W. Baker, A-29225; Mrs. Dudley Planton, 3125 Lillie St.; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brubaker, 806 E. Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hendrickson, 508 W. Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Grissom, 449 E. Wildwood, H-9349; Mrs. Martha Gaunt, 3228 S. Webster, H-15615; Mrs. Jane Prass, 3228 S. Webster, H-15615; Mr. and Mrs. Irving L. Denton, 632 E. Wayne, A-55863; Mrs. Florence Munro, 4522 So. Park, H-83531; Mrs. Kenneth Dibble, 818 Monroe, A-55962; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rudicel, 4015 S. Fairfield, H-0878; Newell B. Kean, Jr., 1018 Jackson St.; Mr. and Mrs. Albert D. Libbey, Trailer Haven Park, E-36943; Mrs. Nellie France, 2511 John St., H-44772; Mrs. Harry Johnson, 1424½ Broadway; Charles E. Johnson, 1424½ Broadway; Mr. Aden A. Current, 2316 New Haven Ave. (4); Mr. and Mrs. John S. Craig, 4516 Smith St., Zone 5; Mr. and Mrs. Gail J. Roe, 1825 Florida, E-2675; Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Timbrook, Harlan, Indiana.



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MORNING WORSHIP

Summer Time

10:00 A.M.

Organ Prelude

9:55 A.M.

SERMON:

"THE NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM"

Guest Preacher:

DR. LOUIS A. WARREN

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Mr. Donald B. Grissom will teach the Come-Double Class.



We thank Thee that thy church, unsleeping
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping
And rests not now by day or night.



The Discarded Gods

The missionary came out of the alley into an open space beside the canal, and three little boys busily playing there fled in confusion. All had attended the fifteen-day winter vacation school at the mission where the teachers had explained it is a mistake to worship idols. Now the missionary himself had come upon them making idols with their own hands. When he went to the stone slab and examined with interest the crude mud images they had been molding, they returned.

"What do the images represent?" he asked. The ten-year-old, who had formed a very realistic image of a squatting Buddha, would not reply. A younger playmate spoke for him: "This is P'eng Kung. He holds the power of life and death in his hands."

"What will you do with him?" pursued the missionary.

"I'll make a temple for him and put him in front of our house for the New Year," came from the creator, who now found his voice.

"He is a very good likeness. You have a lot of ability," said the missionary. "Of course, we know that these things we make with our hands have no real power over us, though it is fun to make them."

Thus encouraged, the young mouth-

piece of the party launched into an extended discourse, the gist of which was that the only God with any real power over our lives is the one who has made us, not the ones we make with our hands.

Feeling the matter had been pushed far enough, the missionary turned to leave. The boys quickly gathered up their images and, running to the nearby canal, threw them all in.

As they returned empty-handed, it seemed to the missionary they were inquiring of them, "What now? What can you give us to take their place?"

Christians in America and elsewhere, as well as in China, are helping to decide that issue by their attitudes and actions.

—JOSEPH SMITH,
Missionary in China.



In-Service Training

Mr. Vern Rossman, a candidate for missionary service in China and now a student in Yale Divinity School, will spend the summer months working on the staff of Flanner House, Indianapolis. This community house for Negroes was long under the direction of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, and its superintendent is a well known social worker and Disciple, Dr. Cleo Blackburn.

In line with slum clearance plans of the city, which has a Negro population estimated at 60,000, Flanner House will develop a cooperative home building program for Negroes. Families accepted in the project will erect their homes on a self-help cooperative basis, and will also be led in the development of a new kind of community life.

Mr. Rossman will give leadership to this program during the summer vacation, on scholarship, as part of his training to do rural work in China, in reconstruction, education, and evangelism.



"It is not the will of my Father who is in
heaven that one of these little ones should perish."

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THE UNITED EVANGELISTIC ADVANCE

First Christian will co-operate. Our pastor will be one of the Leaders.

October 2nd will be significant in the calendar of the Protestant Churches of America. First, it marks the tenth anniversary of World Communion Sunday. But Second, it also launches the United Evangelistic Advance.

What is the Advance? From October 2, 1949 to December 31, 1950, the 27 constituent denominations of the Federal Council of Churches, together with 11 other denominations of the Federal Council, will engage in a united witness to America. These 38 Protestant bodies, numbering over 37,000,000 members, will march forward together under the banner, "America for Christ." For fifteen months, they will enlist the best spiritual and intellectual leadership of the nation and work together to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all men. Every worthy method will be used to give this witness.

THE CALL TO ADVANCE

The present situation calls for a revival of genuine Christianity on a national and world scale. The churches themselves need to be saved from their complacency and impotence and empowered and inspired to do their appointed tasks.

The whole land needs a cleansing of its unrighteousness and a resurgence of the spirit of faith, repentance and responsibility. Vast areas of our nation and of the world have become alien to the religion of Jesus Christ. These must be reclaimed. To these, the Gospel of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior must be brought with fresh wisdom and spiritual power. Jesus Christ is Lord, and all things and all men must be brought in obedience unto Him for "there is salvation in no one else for there is no other name under heaven given among men, by which we must be saved."

The time is urgent. The call to advance rests upon the seriousness of the days in which we live; upon the authority of Jesus Christ; and upon the necessity of new life for all men through faith and obedience to Him.

WELCOME — NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Thomas Eugene, born June 29th, 1949 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rayl, R.R. 10, Larcom Place. Mother and Babe doing fine. Congratulations!! Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Miller are the proud grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Koontz are the great-grandparents.

ILLNESS

Robert Working is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, room 415.

SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Mrs. E. R. Harris, 718 Kinsmoor, in the recent passing away of her father, Mr. E. S. Hugh, Trenton, Illinois.

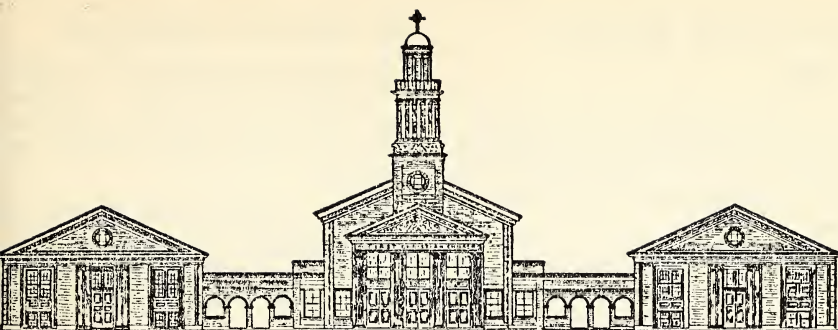
Rev. BECK

While on his vacation, our pastor has been in surgery at Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, for the removal of gall stones, on June 28. The operation has been very successful and he is doing nicely. Mrs. Beck is with him in Philadelphia and Martha Jeannette is in New Haven, Connecticut, with her grandfather.

BASEBALL

The Baseball Schedule for July is as follows: South Wayne Baptist and First Christian, July 5, at 9:00 P.M. at Hamilton Park; July 12, First Christian vs New Haven, 9:00 P.M. Hamilton Park; July 19, Simpson Methodist vs First Christian, 6:30 P.M. at West Swinney Park.

Those playing: Alan Bell, Robert Fahl, Wm. Robinson, Gene Munro, Nick Keen, Dick Norton, Robert Ashe, Don Eyer, Joe Bowman, Dean Yoquelet, Don Miller and Harold Donelson.



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OUR PASTOR

It is with pleasure that we announce the safe return home of Rev. and Mrs. Beck and Martha Jeannette. Rev. Beck is convalescing at his home. Those wishing to call on Rev. Beck, please phone his home before you call.

UNITED EVANGELISTIC ADVANCE

PLANNING AHEAD — 1949 - 1950 A GREAT YEAR FOR THE CHURCH

WORLD COMMUNION DAY—The observance of World Communion occurs annually on the first Sunday in October. There are two such observances during the fifteen months' period of the Advance, the first on October 2, 1949, and the second on October 1, 1950. On these two significant days, every local Church should seek to secure the presence of every resident member at the Communion Table.

Hazel Green Receives A Gift

A bequest made to Hazel Green Academy, Hazel Green, Kentucky, by a former student as a memorial to her mother, will be used to renovate the school auditorium.

Plans are being made to lay a new floor, cover the walls with acoustical tile to improve the sound effects, provide new curtains for the stage, and replace the old seats which have been in use for forty years.

The auditorium is an important civic center. In it the school presents programs for the students and for the people of the community, which is isolated from recreational and social activities by its location in the hills of Kentucky.

Furlough for the Doctor

The suitcase was packed. The trunks had gone on the last boat. Another term ended, and we were ready for America, starting quite early in the morning.

But, no, a native nurse appeared to announce, "Doctor, there is a strangulated hernia at the hospital, just arrived." So an emergency delayed our departure.

It has been a busy term, and 1948 a busy year . . . The practice of medicine is now much more interesting and satisfying than before. We have fairly adequate amounts of the sulfas and of penicillin. Some day an X-ray outfit will make our work even more exact and life-saving.

DR. DONALD BAKER
MONDOMBE, AFRICA



The Saavedra Christian Church of Buenos Aires finds the kindergarten a most effective means of interesting both children and their parents in the services of the church. Miss Hallie Lemon, missionary, is in charge of this week-day activity and assists the pastor and his wife in the Sunday school and church program.



"He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

II Cor. 9:6



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CHURCH ATTENDANCE CRUSADE—Both in 1949 and 1950 October has five Sundays. It is urged that all the Protestant Churches in America use these five Sundays of each October, beginning with World Communion Day, for a Church attendance Crusade.

REFORMATION DAY OBSERVANCE—The Protestant Churches of America are increasingly observing Reformation Day unitedly and the principles for which it stands.

VISITATION EVANGELISM—Every local congregation should plan as a minimum, to conduct a Visitation Evangelism program at least three times during the Advance. Each one should be held from a Sunday to the following Thursday. These three may be spaced as follows: during the Autumn of 1949; during the period from New Year's to Easter, 1950; and during the Autumn of 1950. In many communities, a week of Visitation Evangelism should be conducted unitedly by all the churches of the community, at least once during the Advance.

PREACHING MISSIONS IN LOCAL CHURCHES—A Preaching Mission or a Revival Meeting should be held at least once in every local church during the Advance.

DEDICATION — NEW BUILDING — EMILY E. FLINN HOME, MARION

The new building at the Emily E. Flinn Home in Marion will be ready for dedication Sunday, August 28. This is an important date on our calendar and we should all plan to attend this Service. Following is a list of the needs of the Home. Sunday School Classes and other Church organizations will want to help by furnishing some of these items: Cloth table napkins, size 18x18; Table Cloths (can use good used ones any size); Bath Towels, small and large size; Wash Cloths; Rubber Mats (need 12); Cleansing Tissue; Washing Dish Cloths; Hot Dish Pads; Hand Towels; Kitchen Aprons, five around; ¾ size Bed Spreads, bright colors; ¾ size Sheets; ¾ size light weight Quilts (something that can be laundered); 2½ yard length Curtains, no ruffles; 4 and 5 yard lengths, Dress Prints; Material for Table Runners. We can use money for furnishings for our new Living room and Dining room and for material for drapes for the new rooms.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Ronald Dailey, 444 Bass Street is ill at her home. She may see callers. Mrs. Merl Teeters, 311 Elizabeth St., is a patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 272. Mr. George J. Krall, 1815 Pemberton, received head injuries in an accident recently. He is at his home.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kinzie, Mrs. Ella King, Mrs. J. C. Koegel, Mrs. Ray Koster, Mrs. Cora Kover, Mrs. J. F. Lahmeyer, Mrs. Emily Lowman, Mrs. J. A. Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCarel, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McKinney, Mrs. C. R. McMaken, Mrs. E. T. Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moffitt, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Munro, Mrs. G. T. Munson, Mr. W. E. Munro, Miss Dorothy Murphy, Mrs. Florence Munro, Mrs. Cora Nowells, Mrs. M. D. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parkerson, Mrs. Alpha Piercy, Mrs. Lois Pifer, Miss Evelyn Powell, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Pritchard, Mrs. Jane Prass, Mrs. Rosella Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Rayl, Mrs. Nelle Reed, Mrs. Mallie Reidt, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Ripple, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ripple, Mrs. Harold Roberts, Mrs. George Robinson, Mrs. F. H. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, Mr. R. J. Rousseau, Mrs. Olive Roy, Miss Barbara Rudicel, Mr. James Rupel, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robinson. (Continued next week).

NOTES

Mrs. Amanda Parks, one of our older members, will celebrate her birthday on July 26. Calls or cards from friends would be enjoyed. Mrs. Parks is no longer able to attend Church services.

OUR SYMPATHY

It is with sorrow that we note the passing away, on Sunday, of Mrs. Ruth Sheckler. We wish to express our deepest sympathy to her dear family and many friends.



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SUNDAY

WFTW 1090 on your dial, 10:30 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP

Summer Time

10:00 A.M.

Organ Prelude

9:55 A.M.

SERMON:

"These Are The Days Of Which It Is Written"

Preacher:

REV. ROBERT T. BECK

During the Summer **THE TIME** of our Church Service will be 10:00 A.M. You will be dismissed around eleven o'clock and will be out before the heat of the day.

Keep up your Church attendance during the Summer. Everyone needs this contact with other Christians and the fellowship we have about the Lord's Table.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Remember go to your Class immediately at 9:30. Let us keep up our attendance at Church School and Morning Worship.

OUR PASTOR

I appreciate very much the multitude of cards and convalescent and get well wishes which I received. I have read them all, every one. Thank you all for your prayers and your kind expressions of goodwill.

ON VACATION

The Tidings will be on vacation during the month of August. The next issue will come to you the first week in September.

For Better Living

In the buildings which house the social center at Coronel Oviedo, our newest station in Paraguay, several reels of films are shown each Monday and Tuesday evening to between 500 and 900 people of the town and the surrounding area.

These films are of an educational nature, showing better farming methods, better health precautions, educational methods, and scenic views. The United States embassy provides the films and the projector. Our missionaries, Allin Sharp and R. Q. Adams, run the projector and meet the people. Through this means contact has been made with hundreds of people who would not come to the religious services on Sunday or the prayer meeting on Wednesday evening.

Soon the missionaries will be going into neighboring villages, taking books and pictures, and the film strip projector, which will aid in presenting the gospel as the people lose their fear of attending Protestant services.

The World Is Near Us

The particular responsibility of the department of social welfare in the United Society is to keep the brotherhood aware of the implications of true Christianity for our time.

This work is not distinct from other phases of the task committed to the churches. It is one with Christian missions and education, evangelism and benevolence. The ends sought by each are the same, namely, that men shall be won to full and complete allegiance to Jesus Christ and "that the kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and his Christ."

In his own community the Christian faces realistically the social maladjustments of the world, in government, health, education, employment, juvenile delinquency, and crime. He should see it as his responsibility to aid in remedying such ills in his community and in the world, to establish freedom, justice, order, and righteousness among all nations.



THE CHIMES RING OUT

"A Call to Prayer" rings out in Missions Building each Wednesday at 11:00 A. M. While one of the great prayer hymns of the church is played, typewriters are silent, conversations are stopped, conferences cease, and

heads are bowed in prayer. A theme is suggested from the office of *A Crusade for a Christian World* in keeping with the goal which seeks to cultivate a resurgence of Christian life.





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YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Our Young Adults are urged to PLAN NOW to attend the YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP at Bethany Park during the Labor Day week-end, September 2, 3, 4, and 5. Our PASTOR will teach classes at this Fellowship. His subjects will be: "THE CHILDREN IN THE HOME AND CHURCH," and, "TOWARD A CHRISTIAN HOME."

Rev. Beck will preach next Sunday, July 31, the last Sunday of his vacation, in exchange for the Sunday, September 4, when he will be teaching at the Young Adult Fellowship at Bethany Park.

OFFERINGS FOR THE ASSOCIATED CHURCHES SPECIAL GIFT FUND FOR WEEK DAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MAY BE BROUGHT IN NEXT SUNDAY.

ELDERS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

August 7—F. Wayne Rousseau,	Dr. A. C. Worley
14—B. W. Leversee,	Dale Parkerson
21—Floyd E. Morrical	Hugh D. Rice
28—Owen O. Vaught,	Albert Egly

DEACONS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

Clayton Youquelet, Captain, A-39930; W. H. Imbody, Dr. R. W. Goebel, Robert E. Working, James R. Shockney, Charles E. Fuchshuber, J. E. Tracey, Ralph J. Richard.

HONOR ROLL (Continued)

Martha Jeannette Beck, Mrs. C. R. Sargent, Miss Edna Saxon, Mrs. Millie Scherrer, Mrs. E. N. Schlatter, Mrs. Lillian Scott, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sharp, Mrs. Amy Shawhan, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Miss Sarah Shroyer, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Miss Pauline Sigrist, Mrs. Joseph Siples, Mr. and Mrs. Arza Smith, Forrest Smith, Mr. P. H. Somers, Mrs. Roger Symms, Mrs. Fern Teeple, Mrs. Merl Teeters, Mrs. Louise Ternet, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tharp, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hugh Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Tracey, Mrs. Maude Thurman, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Vesey, Mrs. Bertha Welch, Miss Ruby Whisman, Doyle Whitton, Gerald Whitton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitton, Robert Whitton, Mrs. C. E. Whitman, Mrs. C. W. Winfield, Miss Nancy Woodhull, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Working, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yentes, Mrs. Mattie Yonkman, Mrs. Orpha Yost, Miss Ruth Yost, Miss Wilma Yost, Mr. and Mrs. Bret Young, Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Young, Sylvan Young.

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER

David Scott Libbey, born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Libbey, Trailer Haven Park. We wish to express our congratulations and good wishes to the proud parents.

DEDICATION — NEW BUILDING — EMILY E. FLINN HOME at MARION,

AUGUST 28, 1949 at 2:30 P.M.

This is a Milestone in the benevolent program of the Disciples of Christ. A fine program is planned. Reserve this day. First Christian should be well represented at this dedication. Following is a list of the needs of the Home. Our Sunday School Classes and our other Church organizations will want to help by furnishing some of these items: Cloth table napkins, size 18x18; Table Cloths (can use good used ones any size); Bath Towels, small and large size; Wash Cloths; Rubber Mats (need 12); Cleansing Tissue; Washing Dish Cloths; Hot Dish Pads; Hand Towels; Kitchen Aprons, 1½ around; ¾ size Bed Spreads, bright colors; ¾ size Sheets; ¾ size light weight Quilts (something that can be laundered); 2½ yard length Curtains, no ruffles; 4 and 5 yard lengths, Dress Prints; Material for Table Runners. We can use money for furnishings for our new Living room and Dining room and for material for drapes for the new rooms.

CO-CHAIRMAN COUPLES

Mr. and Mrs. Don J. Eyer will be the Co-chairman Couple for August. We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bell, who served as Co-chairman Couple during July.

FALL PLANNING

August is time for Chairmen, and Department heads, and Committees, to make plans for Fall and Winter. We urge that Committees convene during August and study the needs of the Church.



